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It couldn’t be helped. After our conversation about the test questions, we arrived in the classroom in a blink of an eye. The class was first thing in the morning, so we had about half a minute before the test. Ah, they are here, too. It’s better if it goes without incident. Mika greeted everyone at once. I also gave my greetings.

“Everybody~, good morning.” (Mika)

“Good morning.” (Akane)

“Shimazaki-san, good morning, you’re energetic as usual, huh? Good morning, Shimizu-san.” (Sakuragi)

“Ah, Sakuragi-kun, good morning.” (Akane)

Haruto Sakuragi-kun, this man was nice to everyone, be it guy or girl.

Because his face was good looking as well, he was vastly popular with both men and women. Even now, because I was called out, those girls were all glaring at my back.

The group of 4 women were Kaneko, Aoki, Ogura, and Koutou. I had branded them as Team Kaneko. Nozomu Kaneko was the head of those guys, and from me only speaking to Sakuragi-kun for some reason, they flared up everytime. It was only a greeting this time. It was no more than that, so why were they like this? It's different when it was Mika, but he would think nothing of me. For now, let's go to my seat.

“Akane~, teach me immediately.” (Mika)

“Ok! I'll start with mathematics.” (Akane)

“Considering it from the character of that teacher, it might be these 5.” (Akane)

“Gah! All of these problems are nothing but difficult. But, because there's a high chance Akane's advice is right on the money~. I don't understand this so and so.” (Mika)

Although it was 2 people studying in this manner, the boys and the girls in the surroundings were making a memo of the problems that were pointed out. To be honest, I wanted to quit every round each time. Either I was off or it was right on the money, but there was no merit for me either way. When I was right on the money, everyone would be delighted.

Naturally, Sakuragi-kun would also be delighted, and afterwards the girls (mainly Team Kaneko) would call me out to threaten me. And, when I was off, the lot that weren't primarily close to me would be angry. That being the case, I would think 'Do it all yourself', but if that was the case, Mika would be sad next time, and the blame would be from everybody.

In the end, this behavior was to be anticipated from a test, and there were almost no merits for me, only demerits. Well, if Mika was glad, it's fine because of that. If anything, since Mika is involved in this behavior, it's my sole salvation that she wasn't receiving bullying because of the Team Kaneko lot. Hey, wasn't this a merit?

The mathematics test had ended. This time, because 3 out of 5 predicted questions hit the mark, it was also unlikely for there to be blame from everyone. I wonder if that's the best pattern.

“Akane~, thank you. Thanks to you I could solve 3 problems, I think I got a score of around 60.” (Mika)

“Really, that’s good. But world history is next, will you be alright? Because I’m unable to predict that.” (Akane)

“Well, I think I’m better at that than mathematics.” (Mika)

I wonder if that’s true~. Because I concentrated, my eyes got a little tired. For a little while, I’ll leave the classroom.

Going out to the corridor, I took off my glasses. Fuu~, I wonder if I should use contacts. Although I’m anxious about the strange things Mika recommends.

“Shimizu-san.” (Sakuragi)

Somebody called out to me. This person was Sakuragi-kun.

“Sakuragi-kun, what’s the matter?” (Akane)

“Ah, no, the test from some time ago, thanks for your predictions. You also saved me.” (Sakuragi)

? Why were you flustered?

“I’m glad if I was of help.” (Akane)

“Say, why don’t you change to contacts, Shimizu-san? I think they’re better than glasses.” (Sakuragi-kun)

“Ah~, that, I was considering it just now. When I consulted with Mika she said that that was definitely better, I’m considering changing it sometime soon.” (Akane)

“Is-, is that so. I also think contacts are absolutely better!” (Sakuragi)

“Really? Thanks.” (Akane)

Ah, the chime sounded.

“The next lesson is beginning, let’s return.” (Akane)

“Ah, that’s right.” (Sakuragi)

Sakuragi-kun’s entire face had become a smiling one for some reason. I wonder if something good happened.

I put on my glasses and returned to the classroom.

When the world history test was finished, an abnormal event occurred while everyone was resting. The floor was shining?

Moreover, what's with this design? A magic square? Everyone produced an uproar again.

"Hey, what is this! A magic square? Something like this is dangerous!" (???)

"The door isn't opening. It's no good, we can't escape." (???)

"There's no way. Hey, what will become of us?" (???)

"Don't ask me." (???)

Uwah~, everyone was panicking. Ah, this was unmistakably a parallel world summoning or something like that. I understood because I had thoroughly read web novels and light novels. I could be calm thanks to seeing everyone in a manner of panic, thank you. The light was rapidly growing stronger. From there, I blacked out.

—————What is this, my eyes won't open. But, I can hear someone's voice.

"Saria-sama~~. The people have been summoned according to your order and were sent to the country which summoned them. However, this girl is the only one remaining, and she hasn't even been compensated any skills yet. What to do about it?" (???)

"Heehh, that girl, I'm not pleased with her for some reason~~." (Saria)

"That is, she's pitiable, whatever the circumstances may be. When she goes over there, she will die completely immediately." (???)

"Good grief, it can't be helped~. Ah, well then, I'll give this~. Hahaha, take it~~. Look at this status, it can seriously be laughed at~." (Saria)¹

"Uwa, harsh! Are you not pleased with her that much?" (???)

"I think that's obvious~. Well, I think she'll die within 3 months." (Saria)

“Well then, I’ll send her now.” (???)

“Yes ye~s, live one way or another there~~.” (Saria)

Somehow, I have a hunch I was handled awfully unreasonably.

Chapter 2 – An Audience with the King

When I came to, we weren’t in the classroom anymore. Is this a spacious basement somewhere? I wondered. My classmates were in the surroundings, and we were on top of a circular pedestal with a diameter of 10 meters. And, I dare

say that in the exterior of the pedestal, were knights, magicians, a cabinet minister, and a princess, which all members totalled up to 10 people, and everybody was congratulating one another.

“Princess, the hero summoning was a success. Congratulations.”
(Gallot)

“Yes, Gallot, it succeeded. With this, the other countries will also be delighted.” (Princess) The princess, who was approximately the same age as us, was a soothing beautiful person. Gallot, who was 40 years old, seemed to give the impression of a magician when seen. It really was a parallel world summoning. When I looked at the surroundings, there were some people becoming aware. Before everybody realized, I needed to gather a little information.

In moments like this, I need to collect myself and deal with it, as almost every protagonist in a web novel was like that.

Hey, I’m able to understand the parallel world’s language. Perhaps, when we were summoned, it might have inserted the parallel world’s language inside of us. At any rate, it’s because the goddess was involved.

Hmmm, you are able to see your own numerical values by saying status if I’m not mistaken. Let’s try whispering it.

“Status.” (Akane)

Ah, it appeared. Although I thought of it accidentally, these types of developments appeared in web novels, so it wasn’t necessarily useless. Moreover, that voice I heard just before I came here gave me an unpleasant premonition. I looked at my own status secretly. Thereupon,

Name: Akane Shimizu

Age: 16

Level: 1

Attack: 77

Defense: 60

Agility: 76

Luck: 0

Magical Power: 100

Skills: Incompetence

Unique Skills: Free Dream

Title: The One Disliked by the Goddess

Brief Comments from the Goddess:

Lower class soldiers have average basic attribute values of 150, okay~.

With the exception of you, everybody has an upwards of 300 at least. It's disappointing, you're useless!

——It became the truth~! I was useless. This brief comment was unnecessary. What skill is incompetence, you're screwing around. Let's calm down, it wasn't clear yet. By some chance, it might be a cheat skill which nullifies all skills and magic. That's right, in times like this, if I touch there, an explanation should appear. Alright, it displayed.

Incompetence:

The people who possess this skill, even if they would go to great efforts leading to oozing blood, they won't be able to acquire anything.

Free Dream:

Only in your mental world, you are able to do anything.

The One Disliked by the Goddess:

As the goddess hates you, you absolutely won't be able to attain happiness.

—Don't screw aroundddd! Just where should I retort from. What did I do! Just as I was summoned, it's similar to telling me to die! Incompetence, its meaning was without change. If the goddess hates me, then it can't be helped. Furthermore my unique skill is also useless. Such a thing, anyone is able to do it. I've reached the endgame abruptly. If it was normal, making good use of this unique skill was preposterous, so this doesn't change. Everyone has realized! It appeared the explanation had begun from the princess.

"Everyone of a parallel world, welcome to this world, Spherethalia. I am called Maria Thelmia, and I'm the first princess of the Thelmia Kingdom." (Princess->Maria)

While everyone was perplexed, Sakuragi-kun stepped forward a little.

"I am called Haruto Sakuragi. You said we were summoned to a parallel world?" (Sakuragi)

"Yes, the king of our country will talk about it in detail." (Maria)

It seemed everyone was starting to panic, but with Sakuragi-kun's one exclamation, it appeared everyone could collect themselves. Although unwilling, it had been arranged for us to move to the king's room. I wondered what kind of abilities everyone had acquired, it made me anxious. At least, they would be better than mine. I don't know what kind of behavior was okay. Anyhow, let's observe the situation. I'll die if I make a mistake with even one of my choices. We arrived at the king's room. As expected, the king was overlooking us in a position higher than us. As expected from a king, he also had an intimidating air. From the feeling I observed, it seemed he had high charisma as well.

"People of a parallel world, I am the king of this country, Fahns Thelmia. I apologize about the matter of the unreasonable summoning now. I'm truly sorry." (King Fahns)

Eh? This was unexpected. In novels, the kings were arrogant guys, they were supposed to set collars of slavery on us, but he was truly apologizing from the bottom of his heart. Everyone else was also surprised.

"I think everyone wants to speak complaints towards me. However, I want you to listen to the explanation about this one's situation before

that.” (King Fahns)

Sakuragi-kun gave him a response.

“Properly speaking, there are also various things I want to say, but I think I want to hear the king’s story first.” (Sakuragi)

“Hmm, my thanks. The reason we summoned all of you, it’s simply for one thing. It’s said the Evil King will revive several years in the future so I want you to reseal it before it revives. To reseal the Evil King, the holy sword is required which is only able to be equipped by the hero.” (King Fahns)

“King, for this utterance, I wish for you to pardon me. I am called Haruto Sakuragi. In brief, the person able to equip that holy sword, they are someone among the summoned people from a parallel world?” (Sakuragi) Even Sakuragi-kun, he asked it without beating about the bush~. It would be less majesté if I did that, and I might be executed then and there. As my luck was 0.

“Your quick comprehension is helpful. That’s right, this parallel world summoning, it matches the time of the Evil King’s resurrection and was conducted. The Evil King’s seal weakens in intervals of roughly 100 years, and each time it happens, it was resealed by the holy sword. Of course, after it succeeds, we have managed to return the summoned people to their former world.” (King Fahns)

It was different from web novels. But, were we able to trust them, as I cannot say anything at the present time.

Nevertheless, the Evil King wasn’t the Demon Lord. Everyone was also thinking strangely. Ah, it looks like Ryūzaki-kun was saying something.

“Say, King, wouldn’t killing it be better than resealing it?” (Ryūzaki)

“Why are you talking like that towards the king?” “Jail that guy.” (Knights A & B) The surroundings began to make noise. Usually, it was less majesté when you talked like that to the king. Ryūzaki-kun, whether or not he knew or just wasn’t having it, he was unpleasantly sneering.

“It’s fine, everybody, calm down. That’s right, reseal it. It’s a feasible thing to kill the Evil King with the holy sword.

However, in the battle 500 years ago, the world was exposed to the

crisis of ruin. If a person's death is because of an evil tribe, the Evil King becomes stronger. At that point in time, the Evil King's strength was preposterous. Perhaps if you

fight, even if you could win, every race would receive serious damage. I want to avoid that. According to the reference books, although they were able to seal it, it's said that 1/4 of the population at that time was annihilated." (King Fahns)

"Seriously? I see, I understand. One more thing, is it okay to kill the Demon Lord?" (Ryūzaki)¹

I wondered if Ryūzaki-kun was an idiot. Look, the surroundings began to make even more noise. Read the situation. At the point of time the word 'Demon Lord' didn't appear, I guess he started to imagine for some reason.

"This person, the disrespect in what he said towards the Demon Lord — King, this man called Ryūzaki should be cut down in this place right now." (Knight A)

Rather, isn't cutting him down is going too far? Even Ryūzaki himself was considerably impatient.

"Oi, wait just a minute. In our world, demons tormented animals and people, so it's common sense to say the Demon Lord is the boss. I'm to blame, I was completely under the impression it would be similar here." (Ryūzaki) With this proposal, it looked like he could get everyone to understand for the time being.

"The one called Ryūzaki. We will only permit it this time. However, in the next situation you propose something similar to making light of demons or the Demon Lord, for any kind of reason, you will be publicly executed. Okay!" (Knight A) Ehhh, I don't understand the standing position of the demons in this world. Judging from his way of talking, even more than us people, I have no doubt they are in a considerably high position.

"Sorry. I will pay attention to my utterances from here on out." (Ryūzaki) With this, it seemed like Ryūzaki was also surprised. Ah, Sakuragi-kun looked like he was starting to move,

"King, I understand the matter, but it doesn't seem like we have such abilities?" (Sakuragi)

"The summoned people from a parallel world are supposed to be

gifted with special abilities from the goddess. Because you were only summoned today, please devote yourself to understanding your own abilities first. If you say ‘status open’, you are supposed to be able to see just yours. Maria, have the summoned people go to their individual rooms. Tomorrow, let’s discuss the matter of your abilities.” (King Fahns)

Thus, the 25 of us were guided to our respective rooms. There appeared to be a room for every summoned person.

And, now, I was alone in my room.

This was awful, what to do. When it tomorrow comes, I will be expelled from the castle without fail. Someone, with a skill called 『Plunder』 or something like that, I want you to steal incompetence. There won’t be such a convenient development as that. It’s depressing. At least, I want to leave the city after receiving teaching about the general knowledge of this world. Do I have no choice but to petition?

Chapter 3 – Scorn

Eh, there’s knocking, who could it be?

“Yes, who is it?” (Akane)

“It’s Mika~, open the door, Akane~.” (Mika)

So it’s Mika, I have to open it for her. When I opened the door, there was an amazing smiling face. Ah, it seemed she received quite the good skill from the goddess. I better tell Mika because I am able to have trust in her.

“Mika, it’s fine to enter.” (Akane)

“Akane, I have saint in the title field of my status. I’m only good in both my magic and skills. How about you, Akane?”

(Mika)

That’s good, I can be relieved if she’s a saint. Well, what to do, although it’s awfully difficult to talk about, hah~, I have no choice but to say it. I informed Mika about my skills and title.

“What is that! They are looking down on Akane! Isn’t incompetence too unfair!” (Mika)

“To tell you the truth, I heard voices just before I came to this parallel world. Somehow, it seems they were displeased with me, and I have a feeling they selected a skill halfheartedly.” (Akane)

“I’m angry~~! That goddess, what’s with her! When I spoke to her, although I thought she was a pleasant goddess, but she’s absolutely self-centered!” (Mika)

Eh, did Mika meet the goddess?

“Wait just a minute, Mika. Perhaps, did you meet the goddess?” (Akane)

“I did. I realized the room I went to in the beginning was the goddess’s location. Everyone else also said the same thing.”

(Mika)

Hey, then only I didn’t meet the goddess! That goddess~~!

“That’s right, that goddess, she is undoubtedly jealous of Akane.” (Mika)

Huh, jealous? Why?

“Um, Mika, what aspects of me would make her jealous?” (Akane)

Mika sighed grandly. She then placed both of her hands on my shoulders and said.

“You see, Akane, you had better become self-aware soon. Akane, you are an extremely beautiful person. Because of your glasses, you look unattractive. Before, when I was walking with Sakuragi-kun, it seems you met him in the schoolyard. At that time, Akane, you didn’t have your glasses put on.” (Mika)

The fact that I am a beautiful person, such a thing is absurd! No one has ever told me that so far.

“Yes, I took them off for a little while because my eyes were tired.” (Akane)

“After you bade farewell, Sakuragi-kun came to ask me ‘Who was that adorable girl’, and when I informed him it was you, he was quite surprised. Since then, he began to hold great interest towards you, Akane.” (Mika) It seemed unbelievable. That Sakuragi-kun! Come to think of it, he did say it was better for me to change to contacts.

Somehow, I'm very happy.

"I- is that so." (Akane)

"Yes, but I'm a little agitated. I cannot forgive that goddess." (Mika)

"It can't be helped anymore. I have to think about the matters from here on out. Once I am informed about the general knowledge of this world, I plan to leave the castle." (Akane)

"What are you saying. You had better be together with us the whole time." (Mika)

"It will still become troublesome. For now, I think it's dependant on the discussion with the king tomorrow." (Akane) I ate dinner with everyone, and as a result we discussed the matters from now on; we calmed down and first asked ourselves whether or not we could really return to our former world. Whether or not to reseal the Evil King was next.

And as a result of collecting opinions, everyone confined themselves in their rooms and made an effort to understand their individual abilities.

Sigh~~, okay. Something like those, I was able to understand mine the second I saw it.

After returning to my room, there was knocking after a short time.

"Yes, who is it?" (Akane)

"Ah, it's Sakuragi, but are you all right?" (Sakuragi)

Eh? Sakuragi-kun! Why, at a time like this, but let's open the door for now.

"What's wrong, at a time like this." (Akane)

"No, I heard about your skills from Shimazaki. I was wondering whether or not you're doing all right." (Sakuragi) Mika~~, you told Sakuragi-kun. —Well, it's probably fine if it's Sakuragi-kun.

"Ah, enter the room for the time being." (Akane)

Although it's fine to get you to enter, it's somewhat awkward.

“You’ve heard about my skills and title. It will be a quick conversation if that’s the case. After I learn general knowledge, I’m leaving the castle. Since I will become a bother.” (Akane)

“That’s dangerous. Because our appearances stand out, you’ll be assaulted by people immediately. It’s better for you to be inside the castle.” (Sakuragi)

He was concerned. Ahaha, somehow I’m happy.

“As one would expect, it’s impossible to be inside the castle the whole time. That is, even though I can’t acquire skills, I believe I can learn such things as the art of self-defense. When I memorize those sorts of things I’ll leave. And with one person inside of the castle the whole time, everyone wouldn’t understand.” (Akane)

“I’ll propose it to the king, princess, and Gallot-san. If it’s those people, they’ll understand.”¹⁹ (Sakuragi) As he had strongly said it to that extent,

“I understand. Tomorrow, I’ll try to discuss it with the king. Thank you for being worried.” (Akane)

“Eh? I-, I think it’s obvious, it’s natural to worry as your friend.” (Sakuragi) As I understood, Sakuragi-kun left the room. I hadn’t noticed it during that time. One person, they were watching Sakuragi-kun the whole time.

——The next day, we were summoned to the king’s room, and we first tried to ask the king whether or not we were able to return to our former world. The outcome: it appeared there really was a way to be able to return. However, when moving between parallel worlds, huge amounts of magical power are needed, and it seems it would take at least a year to save the magical power needed. The magical tools needed for that magic, the method of saving magical power, the activation method of the magic; they informed us in detail. Since they were informing us as much as this, it appeared we really were able to return. Everyone in the class was relieved. However, in the situation we died in this parallel world, returning would seem to be impossible, as one would expect. Somehow, it appeared they were thinking about our matters cordially. Yup, I was of the impression that we were able to trust them if it’s these people. With Sakuragi-kun representing the class, the matter of resealing the Evil King was OK.

Next, it changed to the story of statuses. Sakuragi-kun was a hero, Mika was a saint, Ryūzaki was a magic swordsman, etc, it seemed

everyone was quite superior. Even the people of the royal palace were getting fairly excited. Especially towards Mika and Sakuragi-kun, as it appeared their titles, skills, and basic attribute values were considerably superior.

During such, laughter suddenly became audible. That, it was Kaneko-san, and she was doing things like bursting out in laughter and pointing towards me. Although I thought it was impossible, she could see my status!

“Ahahaha, hey, Shimizu-san, what’s with your ‘Incompetence’ skill? You’re unable to acquire any skills or magic your whole life. Moreover, what’s with ‘The One Disliked by the Goddess’? You absolutely cannot attain happiness. Aren’t you completely useless, you misfortunate diseased spirit.” (Kaneko)

The one who reacted before others to this, was Gallot-san.

“Is it fine to call you Akane?” (Gallot)

“Ah, yes.” (Akane)

“Despite my impoliteness, I wonder if it is also okay to appraise your status?” (Gallot) I see, with the skill called ‘appraisal’, you were able to see statuses.

“Yes, by all means.” (Akane)

With this being said, Gallot-san looked at my status, and he was seriously surprised.

“This is—cruel. Even for Goddess-sama, why are the titles and skills like this?” (Gallot)

“When we were summoned, only I didn’t go to goddess—sama. Maybe that’s the reason.” (Akane) Only the goddess’ voice was audible and I didn’t want to attach a ‘-sama’, but it couldn’t be helped.

“It shouldn’t be like that! Normally everyone is supposed to meet her, perhaps there is also some defect.” (Gallot) Excuse me, there wasn’t a defect. It was just her simply being displeased with me—I was unable to say that. The surroundings were noisy. It would be hard for Sakuragi-kun if I left, but perhaps it’s for the best, just as I thought.

“Regarding my matters of from now on, after I learn some of the art of

self-defense and the general knowledge of this world, I plan to leave the castle. As Kaneko-san said, I'm useless." (Akane) Mika and Sakuragi-kun strongly opposed this.

"That's no good, it's too dangerous. It seems you won't be able to acquire skills for your whole life. If you leave the castle, there's a large possibility of dying from immediately being attacked by people. Instead, it's better to not leave the castle." (Sakuragi)

"That's right, Akane, it's as Sakuragi-kun says. Because we will protect you." (Mika) Wow, those words made me very [happy](#)^A. When we faced Gallot-san's direction,

"Hmmm, I agree with Haruto's opinion. It's better to not leave from the castle. For argument's sake, if you left, you wouldn't go independently, but going with several people would be best." (Gallot) The king saw this situation, contemplated something, and began to talk.

"The reason behind this is the person's defect, so I also don't mind you being in the castle. Also, Akane, would it be fine for you to attempt to see whether or not you are truly unable to acquire magic and skills? However, while training with different method than other people. Your basic attribute values are too different. All right, from today, Haruto and others will perform magic and skill training while studying the general knowledge of Spherethalia, this parallel world. Chivalric Order Head, Marcus, I entrust this to you." (King Fahns)

A man in his 30's appeared before us. This person was the Chivalric Order Head, Marcus. I'll remember him.

"Yes, certainly. Haruto and others, come with me, and Akane, you too." (Marcus) Nevertheless, the king and Gallot-san, they were kind. They were thinking about my feelings. While I am inside the castle, let's try to not cause trouble for them. I should be up for the task if it's to the extent of odd jobs.

Thus, our training began.

Chapter 4 – Training and a Sham Battle

Two weeks have passed since training began. Everyone—whether or not they had grown accustomed to the world and their own magic, skills, and basic attribute values—was getting used to the treatment rapidly. In the meantime, I'm still practicing the foundation of magic, in which I'm working hard at manipulating magical power and

circulating magical power. That's right, for some reason I am able to do it. However, even now I don't remember any skills. It's strange, I am actually able to do it, so why doesn't it display in my status?

In relation to magic, naturally I don't remember anything. As for the basic attributes, there are a total of 7: fire, water,

earth, wind, light, darkness, and space. Furthermore, there is something called 'superior attributes' on top of that, and as far as I know, there are 6 attributes: flame, ice, quake, lightning, storm, and holy. And, there are respective levels for magic and skills, with the MAX being 10. There are individual differences, and you remember superior attributes and superior skills when you exceed the fixed level.

Now, everyone was concentrating on the basic attributes, whereupon they studied on how to handle magic. By the way, as I received permission from the king, I read the reference books which listed all currently known magic that were recorded, and received and applied the knowledge.

In relation with martial arts, although after narrowing it down to swords and daggers and training, similar to manipulating magic and circulating magical power, I didn't remember any skills either. The Chivalric Order Head, Marcus, even said—

– swords and daggers were left to beginners. Why I wasn't able to remember skills, everyone was inclining their heads.^{s.A}

And, during those 2 weeks, I also studied about the parallel world, Spherethailia. There are 5 races which differentiate in a big way: Demons, elves, dwarves, beastmen, and humans. In our world, demons were villains which resembled the appearances of humans, but in the parallel world, while their appearances were similar to humans, their magical power and intellect were extremely high in exchange for their physical strength being low, but they appeared to be gentle people.

Next, there are 2 main reasons demons are regarded as sacred.

The 1st reason.

At first, the Evil King appeared periodically (a roughly 50 year cycle), and it seems they had subjugated it each time it happened. Upon investigating why the Evil King sprung forth at fixed intervals, they elucidated the cause. The grudge produced from wars was accumulating, which evil tribes (called apparitions in our world) were

born from, and they killed every race, so the grudge acquired was gathering in the same place. When it exceeded its fixed maximum amount, it was found that the Evil King would spring forth. However, it's also noted that the evil tribes and Evil King aren't necessarily born in the same place every time.

The 2nd reason.

Five hundred years ago from today, the Evil King had appeared once again. However, compared to the previous time, it had become far stronger. The cause was that it had taken 200 years since its previous subjugation, so it had accumulated strength. The evil tribes born at this time had also become stronger, and they had learned something like dark arts.

Thinking they'd be destroyed like this, every race wished to fight together for a common cause, but the situation was still grave.

Therefore, the demon studied the black arts of the evil tribes, and a new technique which couldn't be used by the evil tribes was developed: magic. The races, who before this were completely devoted to skills, were delighted with this. They learned magic from the demons, and everyone continued to grow stronger. There also was an oracle from the goddess, a summoned person from a parallel world carrying a holy sword in his hand successfully resealed the Evil King.

Hearing such, it's understandable why demons are regarded as sacred, as the thing called magic was made from the demons. Everyone understood why the king had gotten angry and scolded him during that time. That anger wasn't common. But when they heard this history, everyone in the class understood. At that time, Gallot-san, who was in charge of teaching, he taught us about magic, the Demon Lord, and the demons in the world. Thus, when he also taught us the 3

kanji of those words next,

“Why do we use the same characters?” (Akane)

“Here, the Demon Lord appears to have created magic. If the goddess had created it, then they should use different characters, so why?”
(Akane)

I had this question, but no one was able to answer it. Because it was decided from the olden days, no one thought of it as a problem. The goddess, in this case, was a game creator, so why would she name it in

this way?

And while in class, I questioned it as I was also having doubts.

“Gallot-san, I understand that the Evil King was sealed by the power of the four Great Spirits and the holy sword, but the evil tribes are still running rampant in this world. What becomes of the grudge of the people who were killed because of the evil tribes, if that’s the case? Is it taken in by the Evil King?” (Akane)

“Akane, that’s a good question. There are 2 seals, which consist of the 4 Great Spirits and the holy sword. The inner part is the Evil King’s seal, and the outer part uses grudge purification of the holy attribute to purify the grudge^B. It seems that the Evil King takes in grudge, so it was considered as precisely that. However, the seal still isn’t perfect. Although the formula technique is flawless, but it weakens every 100 years. That’s because wars are occurring. Wars between races and nations easily spring forth grudge. Flaws in the purification system spring forth because of frequent occurrences of grudge. That interval is approximately 100 years.” (Gallot)

“It is sealed at great pains, but they also go to war when they forget about it, huh.” (Akane)

“Indeed, that’s about right. It’s a headache. However, these last 100 years, a big war hasn’t occurred. The heroes who were summoned last time arranged a international peace treaty and concluded it.” (Gallot)

“Eh, well then why?” (Akane)

“This time, we requested all of you to reseal it and the cause of it. Of course, we’ll also support you with all of our power.

Currently, all of the countries of the world are investigating why we have to reseal it, but we don’t entirely have an idea of its present condition.” (Gallot)

Well, in these 2 weeks, we loosely understood what we must accomplish. Just if I had to say my relation to it, it was out of the question for the battle side. As I’m truly useless, I think I will support everyone one way or another from the intellectual side. Although the majority of my classmates had understood that, some of them were scorning me as useless, and there were even some who tried to drive me out somehow. These last few days, it reached the point that those guys of Team Kaneko were coming to pick a fight in a bad meaning.

Right after they bragged, they would come here, but it can't be helped, I would give in to them.

“Useless, I wonder if you're making progress? It seems you're still manipulating magic and circulating magic power.

Give up. Since you have the ‘Incompetence’ skill, it's impossible for you to learn.” (Kaneko) Kaneko-san and her 4 followers burst into laughter.¹ I was openly being called useless. Those 5 people had overly terrible personalities. Or perhaps I should say, I had even forgotten the names of the 4 people with the exception of Kaneko-san, but I also didn't want to remember them.

“That is, don't compare yourself to everyone at all, even though you are sort of able to do things bit by bit. Swords and daggers, they're said to be the first steps from a beginner.” (Kaneko)

Hearing that, they burst into even more laughter.

“Don't make me laugh, it hurts my stomach. So, why aren't you acquiring any skills? It only convinces me to carelessly abandon you, you had better leave the castle. Because you'll be a hindrance to Sakuragi-kun and the others. Right, it looks like we're going to our first dungeon today.” (Kaneko)

At any rate, I wish you didn't use your ‘Person Appraisal’ skill every single time. It seemed there were 2 types of appraisal, ‘Person Appraisal’ and ‘Goods Appraisal’, and Kaneko-san has ‘Person Appraisal’.

We were divided into 3 groups because there were 24 of us excluding myself, and we were going into a dungeon from today onwards. Mika and Sakuragi-kun joined the dungeon's first group today.

“I, for now, will be in the castle. I've received permission from the princess and the king. Besides, if I leave now, everyone will care about me too much when we enter the dungeon.” (Akane)

Uwa~, these guys, they're going ‘tsk’ with their mouths for show. Do you hate me to that extent?

“Putting things bluntly~, you are truly a burden. You understand? Even if we fight the evil tribes after this, if battle occurs here, you'll become a hindrance to Sakuragi-kun. If you are taken hostage, there's even a possibility he'll slacken and be killed because Sakuragi-kun is kind to anyone. Short story, the ones who are here are in danger.”

(Kaneko)

She's clearly saying the thing people are worried about.

"For the sake of it not becoming that, currently, I am training."

(Akane)

"Ha, training! Well then, I will see how strong you've become."

(Kaneko)

As I thought, it became like this. Probably, I thought it's a suitable time for her to challenge me before long. Although I will certainly lose, it would allow me to use the things I also wanted to try out.

"I understand. Let's see how strong I've become in 2 weeks. However, I will be defeated here because I haven't left this place." (Akane)

"Ha, what are you saying. I thought you decided to leave." (Kaneko)

"You see, think about it calmly. I truly didn't receive compensation from goddess-sama like you guys. I'm no different than an ordinary person of this world. After about 2 weeks, I wouldn't be able to win against you guys." (Akane)

"Tsk, well it's fine. Go to the training field." (Kaneko)

This is why speaking to these 5 people is unpleasant.

—Thus, now I was facing Kaneko-san. Hearing our conversation, the likes of Marcus-san, Gallot-san, the princess, the king, and many soldiers came to watch. Let's try to not pay an undue amount of attention to them.

Well, how should I fight her?

Kaneko-san's class was a hunter, she was a warrior who could also use light magic. She was also quick, so I have no chance of flat-out doing her in. Immediately, let's give it a try. Circulating and sharpening my magical power until my limit, I concentrated on my eyes. I concentrated until it reached the point that I grasped her muscle movements, stance, and the surges of her magical power. All right! Next, covering my entire body with magical power, I sharpened it similar to spreading it through my entire body. It was transferred everywhere, including my hands and feet. I loaded magical power into the wooden sword to raise its offensive ability.

Marcus-san, the Chivalric Order's Head, was acting as the match referee.

"Match start!" (Marcus)

"At any rate, I'll finish it in an instant because it seems you don't have decent speed. Let's go!" (Kaneko) It was a fast rush, an easy to understand attack. That being the case, I showed I was flinching, and just before we clashed, I avoided her sword, and thrust my wooden sword that was completely integrated with magical power into Kaneko-san's stomach with all of my might.

"*Gah, eh, uu*, no way. Where did, such power, you should have no skills. Why?" (Kaneko) As I thought, Kaneko-san was an idiot. She didn't understand why she had received my attack. For example, even if I was without skills, I was able to attack. Am I able to follow-up, I wonder?

"Damn it, such a slow attack won't hit me!" (Kaneko)

Was it impossible as I expected? If I could, I wanted to finish it with that blow. In those 2 weeks, although I raised my magical power a little, it was a pretense after all. I was far from being a match to Kaneko-san, who had received compensation. Following what I thought, I could concentrate magical power on my eyes and hands, and although it temporarily raised all of my abilities, it was still impossible to make her faint. I'm near my limit. Not even one minute passed since it began.

Crap, it seemed she started using magic. This surge, it was the earth magic Storm Pellet. Why was she going that far! She truly won't cut me any slack. I can't use magic.

"Woah, that's not good! Nozumu, cancel that magic right now!" (Marcus)

Although Marcus-san tried to chant magic, his initial response was slow. Probably, he didn't think Kaneko-san would use magic on me, her opponent.

"A useless person like you, don't get carried away. Receive this and die, Storm Pellet!" (Kaneko) Aimed at me, the stone shell mercilessly fired and hit me directly.

Chapter 5 – Defeated for the First Time

The earth magic Storm Pellet's stone bullet hit me directly. In the entire vicinity, there was no visibility because dust whirled up. To state it clearly, it was absurdly painful! I had nearly died. Kaneko-san, she fired that with the intention to kill me. But too bad, I'm not dying in such a place.

However, although it was truly dangerous, I was just barely in time. There was no way I'd able to evade such a thing. I was able to release my entire body's saved magical power temporarily and raise my defensive power for only an instant. I was glad I read manga. I succeeded in performing it without rehearsing. However, my magical power was already completely empty. At least the dust was starting to disappear, so let's collapse only after surprising Kaneko-san. Hold on until then, my body.

When the dust disappeared, everyone was shocked upon confirming I was standing.

"How are you standing. Why didn't you die!" (Kaneko)

"In such a place, do you think I'll just endure it and die?! Even I want to live in this world!" (Akane)

"Die reasonably, you incompetent." (Kaneko)

Again, that magic!

"That's far enough. This match is Kaneko's victory." (Marcus)

Good, he stopped the match. I'm saved. Huh, my head is dizzy. Unable to endure, I collapsed on the spot.

Marcus's Point of View

Tch, my initial response was late. You don't say, she really used magic. However, this was something truly important. She was supposed to be below 1/4th of Nozumu's attribute values. It appeared she covered that difference just by manipulating and circulating magical power, but what the heck did she do? Because of this, I don't understand. If it's this level, she's supposed to be good enough to acquire skills. Be that as it may, I'll take responsibility for her entire body's serious injury. The first order of business was aiding her.

"Relief squad, come quickly! Go recover Akane." (Marcus)

Now, to ask Nozomu for her reason.

“Nozomu, why would you try to fire a Storm Pellet again? Was your intent to kill Akane? as you were clearly filled with killing intent.”
(Marcus)

“I-, I just became a little heated. I didn’t have an intent to kill her.*
*Gasp**, *EEK*, *um*. ” (Kaneko) I emitted killing intent toward Nozomu.
According to the circumstances of the matter, in this case—.

“Speak the truth of the matter. Even if you are a summoned person of a parallel world, I won’t permit people who make light of their comrades.” (Marcus)

“Th-, that, um——.” (Kaneko)

“Leave it at that, Marcus.” (King Fahns)

“King, I apologize. Because my initial response was delayed, I will take responsibility for Akane’s serious injury. The responsibility of this time was mine.” (Marcus)

“It’s fine, this time is something we will not question. And Nozomu, if something like this happens a second time, no matter who the other party is, you’ll be given punishment, okay!” (King Fahns)

“Yes, — *tsk*—please—excuse me.” (Kaneko)

This time was not questioned, so to speak; it was a light punishment. However, she seemed to be scowling at something of that Akane.

She was truly a strange child.

Huh, what place was this? Ah, I was in the infirmary with Miranda-san.

“Have you come to?” (Miranda)

“Yes, err, what happened after?” (Akane)

“It became serious. The leader, Marcus, interrogated Nozomu. Moreover, she was plunged into killing intent. She may die, depending on her answers.

“*Ue~*, they don’t have to go that far.” (Akane)

“What are you saying?! You flat-out received a Stone Pellet! If you consider the difference in your guys’ attribute values, everyone at that place thought you died from that. Yet, you narrowly survived. Apart from what I heard about that method, regarding Nozomu-san, she won’t be punished only this time. If something happens again, she’s going to jail without fail. Leaving that aside, granted I used Extra Heal, how’s your injuries?” (Miranda) So they used Extra Heal. If I remember correctly, recovery magic belongs under holy and light, with Heal and High Heal in the light attribute, and Extra Heal and Max Heal should be in the holy attribute. And with Max Heal, it seemed you were able to recover even the loss of body parts.

“Ah, yes, there’s nothing anymore. Thank you very much, the holy attribute recovery magic is amazing, huh. Eh, I don’t have my glasses. But I’m able to see. Eh, what?” (Akane)

My entire body was hit by the stone bullet, but there were no traces. Miranda-san, you’re amazing! As one would expect from a magician specialized in holy and light attributes. But, what about my eyes?

“I wonder if that was by chance. Perhaps when you were injured by that serious injury, the recovery magic also recognized your bad eyes and so it seems to have restored them.” (Miranda)

“Then I don’t need contact lenses or glasses, huh.” (Akane)

“Although I’ve never heard of anything called contact lenses, auxiliary tools aren’t needed anymore.” (Miranda) Although the mock battle with Kaneko-san was awfully painful, my eyesight being restored was great.

“I will be careful around Kaneko-san from now on. For some reason, she always flares up.” (Akane)

“When a girl is like that, I think it’s generally concerning love.” (Miranda) Love! Give me a break.

“Impossible. I haven’t ever been confessed to so far.” (Akane)

“Eh, really? You, no way, did you constantly have your glasses put on in school?” (Miranda)

“Naturally. Without my glasses, I couldn’t even walk. Although I say that, I removed them occasionally. Because wearing continuously tires my eyes out.” (Akane)

Eh, I don't think there could be some kind of connection to that, right?

"Heh, I see, it seems she saw you in a place you had removed your glasses. I think she wanted to get rid of her number one rival in the chaos of the mock battle." (Miranda)

Eh, rival?

Suddenly, the door of the infirmary room opened. It was Mika and Sakuragi-kun who entered and approached me.

"What's the matter, you two?" (Akane)

"It isn't 'what's the matter'! I came flying because I heard you were seriously injured from the mock battle with Nozomu." (Mika)

"Good, it looks like you've completely recovered with the recovery magic. Eh, what about your glasses?" (Sakuragi) They were worried about me.

"My injury is already okay. Although my glasses were broken in the mock battle, they aren't needed anymore. It seems that stuff like my eyesight were also restored." (Akane)

"'Seriously!'" (Mika + Sakuragi)

Ohh, these 2 were close as usual.

"Akane, isn't that nice? All the boys will be surprised." (Mika)

"Somehow, I have mixed feelings." (*Whispered*) (Sakuragi)

"Eh, Sakuragi-kun, what did you say?" (Akane)

"No, it's nothing. At any rate, it's nice you're safe." (Sakuragi)

Ah, that's right. These 2 were supposed to go to a dungeon.

"Mika, how was the dungeon? And the evil tribes?" (Akane)

"We'll talk about that after we go back to your room. This place is the infirmary." (Mika) Ah, that's right, I totally forgot.

"Miranda-san, thank you very much. As I am already completely alright, I will go back to my room." (Akane)

"Akane-san, I think there will be major incidents in future after this. If

you are troubled, come consult with me at any time.” (Miranda)

Major incidents? Will something happen?

“I understand, please excuse me.” (Akane)

Thus, the incident of my first mock battle had ended.

Chapter 6 – The First Dungeon

Seven days have passed since the sham battle. After my glasses broke, the eyes of the surroundings were looking at me somewhat differently. Probably, it was because I taught Marcus-san that technique I attempted in the sham battle. Not just Marcus-san, but everyone in the chivalric order was praising me. Somehow, the thing I tried appeared to be a completely new technique, and they were delighted they were able to correspond with the higher rank evil tribes with this. Honestly, I was astonished. What I did was circulate the magical power in my body into my hands and feet, and it was concluded as a part of things like weapons, as it temporarily increased the offensive and defensive power of that part, but that state was a dangerous technique which reduced the parts that weren't clad in it. If it was a success, you were able to acquire offensive and defensive power close to 5 times greater for a moment. The last technique of saving magical power inside of the body, it generally was cladding your entire body with the saved portion at once, and although it was instantaneous, you were only able to acquire 2 to 3 times your usual defensive power.

But, Storm Pellet was still dangerous. It seemed Kaneko-san herself had accomplished an achievement as she was inexperienced in magic still.

Although I appealed to Marcus-san about the riskiness of that technique,

“It is certainly dangerous up to D-class adventurers. However, everyone who became C-class or higher, I think they're safe because they also have a high magical power manipulation skill. It was truly a blind spot. Despite having magical power manipulation skills, until now, swords, canes, and protecting weapons such as armor were strengthened through magical power, but I myself was negligent because there was a 【Body Strengthening】 skill. Mastering this technique, if you merge it with the 【Body Strengthening】 skill, it becomes easy to raise the skill level, and even your current state becomes several times stronger. Akane, you have developed a technique of that extent. By no means are you useless.”

(Marcus)

I was happy. The people who personally praised me like that were no one except for Kenichi and both of my parents. In a certain meaning, I must thank Kaneko-san. Speaking of that Kaneko-san, her popularity with the people of this world was poor. Well, it was natural because it seemed she intended to kill me. Nevertheless, why would she look on me as hostile until that point? Well, because I am conducting a meeting after this, I will quickly go towards my room.

Thereupon arriving at my room, I was troubled for some reason. There was Ryūzaki-kun and Sakuragi-kun. It was an unusual combination.

“Mika is still in a meeting. What’s the matter?” (Akane)

“Akane, um, that i——” (Sakuragi)

“Oh, say it right. It’s come to the one concerned. Shimizu, I’ve been disputing with Sakuragi about you just a little.”

(Ryūzaki)

“Eh, what matter were you disputing about me?” (Akane)

“It’s a simple story. We are unable to agree on whether or not to take you into the dungeon tomorrow. And, it is splendidly split half and half. By the way, I’m of the support-faction, and Sakuragi is of the opposition-faction.”

(Ryūzaki)

Me in a dungeon! I would have refused if it was before the sham battle. But now, even if it’s only a little, I wanted to be useful to everyone. I didn’t want to be a burden.

“I——want to go to the dungeon. But, saying it from my ability, isn’t it fine if it’s only to the extent of fighting goblins at best?” (Akane)¹

“Look, Sakuragi, give up. The person herself says she wants to go. As for my opinion, we’ll fight until midway, and it’s fine if Shimizu attacks last. In that case, because her level will also rise, and her attributes values will become a little better.” (Ryūzaki)

“However, I tried going inside in actuality and understood, the dungeon is dangerous. Even if it is a upper layer, it’s dangerous.

Shimizu's attribute values are extremely low. If something happens, I won't be able to support Shimizu."

(Sakuragi)

Uu~, Sakuragi-kun, you said it clearly. Certainly, even in shallow layers, Gallot-san has said he doesn't know what will happen in a dungeon. However, with secluding myself in the castle, I won't grow no matter how much time passes. I must risk it here.

"I want to go. To raise my level even a little bit, I want to be able to deal with things even if I'm alone." (Akane) Here, Mika gave me timely help.²

"Heh, it can't be helped. Akane is stubborn when she becomes like this. Well, I think we'll be able to manage somehow or another since everyone is going this time." (Mika)

Sakuragi-kun also folded in the end, and I went to the dungeon in the end.

How dungeons were able to be constructed, the detailed facts hadn't been clarified even now. It was known there were something called 'dungeon cores' on the lowest layer, and that was producing evil tribes. Even if you shut down a dungeon, a new dungeon will be created. However, since the birthplace and when it springs forth aren't known, those who find the new dungeons will be sent a reward from the kingdom. The difficult part of this dungeon's disposition, evil tribes don't come outside to start with. Because there were a great variety of treasures inside the dungeon, it was said that numerous adventurers would go into it personally. Thanks to those adventurers, there was a rank of the discovered dungeons established, and they were classified as S, A, B, C, or D. This rank was also related to the adventurer's rank, and it seemed that ability of rank was needed. So far, there were some people who have cleared a dungeon. However, taking the dungeon core wasn't permitted by the laws of each country, but it appeared there were grades from highest grade to lowest grade in the countries all over the world.

And, in the Thelmia Kingdom, there were 6 dungeons as of now. In this royal capital, there were 2 dungeons, a B-class and a D-class. Presently, I was at the entrance of the D-class. It appeared we could enter as an exception, however, being an adventurer rank of D-class or higher and permission from the guild was required if it was normally. I was nervous now that I had come. It appeared that Marcus-san has

decided the plan.

“We will be divided into 3 groups from now. For the 1st group of 8 people, the leader is Sakuragi, for the 2nd group of 7

people, the leader is Ryūzaki, and for the 3rd group of 7 people, the leader is Kakei.” (Marcus)

——Hmmm, the leaders were proper. Since they were about the same strength as Sakuragi-kun and Mika. I was grouped with Ryūzaki, but I was separated from Mika and Sakuragi-kun, it was regrettable. Because I was also separated from Kaneko-san, I think it was all right. This week, there was no teasing from Kaneko-san. It was awfully eerie. Was she planning something? Oops, it looked like the first group was departing soon. Eh, what’s the matter the Sakuragi-kun?

“Shimizu, rely on Ryūzaki if something happens.” (Sakuragi)

“Eh, yup, I understand.” (Akane)

It was our turn next. We departed.

Was this the first layer? Judging from its appearance, the passageway was relatively spacious, and visibility was also good. If it was this, it looked to me like we’d be able to manage somehow or another. Shibaya-kun, who was next to me, spoke to me.

“Shimizu-san, don’t go first. Always be in the middle. Since there are only goblins in the first layer, you’ll be fine if you attack last.” (Shibaya)

“I understand. Sorry for being a burden.” (Akane)

“It can’t be helped. Since this world is decided entirely by attribute values.” (Shibaya) When we advancing forward for a while, a strange voice came to be heard. Was this the voice of a goblin? There were 3

when the passageway curved. We all jumped simultaneously. Ah, I was scared and my initial response was late. Everyone was quick, they were dealing with them already.

“All right, come here, Shimizu. Thrust the finishing blow into these guys. If you pierce their heads, they will die in one shot.” (Ryūzaki)

Ryūzaki was calling out to me. Although I knew it I had to go, my hands were trembling. Though it was an evil tribe, it was natural

because I was killing for my first time. I have to be prepared.

“I understand.” (Akane)

I set the sword at the goblin that was before my eyes. And then I summoned my courage and stabbed it. *Uu*, there was an unpleasant feeling. Do I have to grow accustomed to this?

“All right, 3 finished. How about your level?” (Ryūzaki)

“Ah, I’ll try to confirm it. I did it, and I’ve become level 2. My attribute values also raised a little.” (Akane) **Name:** Akane Shimizu

Age: 16

Level: 2

Attack: 85→90

Defense: 65→70

Agility: 82→85

Luck: 0→0

Magical Power: 120→130

Skills: Incompetence

Unique Skills: Free Dream

Title: The One Disliked by the Goddess

“Let’s repeat this for a while. If you become level 5, it will become a little better.” (Ryūzaki) *Uu*, I had something like terrible feelings of guilt. Everyone was being idle. Sorry.

—1 hour later, and I now violently hate the goddess. She seemed to have done it while knowing. It was fine when I became level 2. But it was from there. My status with the exception of luck had risen by 1 at a time every time my level went up by 1. My basic attribute values had such an impression.

Level: 6

Attack: 94

Defense: 74

Agility: 89

Luck: 0

Magical Power: 134

When I said it to everyone, everyone was shocked. ‘No way!’ ‘It’s just like a curse.’ —

“I’m sorry, I’m useless. Even when my level rises by 1, it seems to have reached the point that my attribute values rise 1

at a time with the exception of luck. I am truly sorry.” (Akane)

Here, Ryūzaki-kun opened his mouth.

“There’s a way, so let’s proceed ahead. Listen, Shimizu, you’re in the middle. Absolutely don’t come to the back or front.

Since we planned to advance until the 5th layer today. Clearly saying it, everyone completely isn’t thinking you are detestable. Rather, it’s sympathy. Because you have the highest chance of dying first in here. Be relieved, we will send you above ground without fail.” (Ryūzaki)

——Ryūzaki-kun, you were a very nice guy. I had misunderstood you.

“——Thank you. Since I’ll absolutely obey your orders, everyone’s first day will be okay.” (Akane) Thus, we advanced ahead. If I thought about it now, this was the turning point. If I turned back, it was my ordinary everyday. But, I advanced ahead.

After this, my tragedy began.

Chapter 7 – The Caprice Box

This place was the 4th layer. The evil tribes that had appeared so far were goblins, goblin mages, goblin priests, goblin warriors, kobolds, and slimes. As a standard, it seemed the scope of evil tribes changed every 5 layers. At any rate, everyone had physical strength. I had become a little tired. I hadn’t thought a difference in physical strength would appear until here. At such a time, Ryūzaki discovered a hidden room. I was saved, I could rest for a while. When we entered the interior of the room, there was a treasure chest on top of a pedestal. Without delay, Shibaya-kun reacted.

“Oh, a treasure box. Let’s try to open it at once.” (Shibaya)

“Wait just a minute, Shibaya. That treasure box, it’s different from the things we’ve seen before.” (Ryūzaki)

“Eh, I see. Ah, there’s something written on the pedestal.” (Shibaya)

What? Let’s try to look as well. Let’s see,

『This treasure chest is a Caprice Box. If the proprietor of the box is pleased with all of you, a great variety of treasures, but everyone will die at worst if they are displeased. In addition, it is regarded as openable at the point in time you read as far as here, and the door will close. Come now, open it quickly.』

The instant I read it, the door closed, and the 7 of us were imprisoned.

“Eh? Hey, are you serious. We’re really imprisoned. Shibaya, isn’t there anything else written?” (Ryūzaki)

“Ryūzaki, wait a minute. It’s no good, we have no choice but to open it.” (Shibaya)

“Let me try it. Since I have the best luck among the members. It’s fine, Ryūzaki.” (Kubo)

“Hey, Kubo. It can’t be helped, be careful.” (Ryūzaki)

Kubo-kun——opened the box. What will it be?

The second it opened, a loud voice resounded. This voice, I’ve heard it. No way——.

『*Panpakapa~n*, congratulations! Seven people opened it this time~~. Ryūzaki-kun, Shibaya-kun, Kubo-kun, Kondou-kun, Nagasaki-san, and Furukawa-san have been awa~~rded precious armour.』 (Saria) It was as I thought! That voice, it was that goddess. My name wasn’t called. She’s absolutely planning something. I braced myself.

『And, Shimizu-san, I hate you. Truthfully, although I had intended to neglect you as is, there were events I was just a little displeased with~~. Therefore, I personally will dis~pose of you. However, because only killing you won’t make me satisfied, I’ll give you this. The name~, it’s called Wicked Heart Medicine. Long story short, you become an evil tribe if you swallow this~. You’ll become an evil tribe,

and I'll gi~ve you the punishment of being killed by your classmates. 』

(Saria)

“Hey, don’t screw around! Why do you hate me? I’ve only heard your voice, and I haven’t even seen your face.” (Akane)

『But~, I saw your face~~. Therefore, die. 』 (Saria)

This person had simply cheated. Was it on purpose?

“It’s no joke. Everyone, the owner of that voice is that goddess from that time.” (Akane)

“Hey, is that true, Shimizu?” (Ryūzaki)

“Yes, the inquiry of some time ago, it shows the situation of when I was in the goddess’s room. Although I didn’t see her figure, I only heard her voice. This person, she replied normally. Everyone, this time s——” (Akane) Eh, what? I suddenly couldn’t speak.

『Ye~~s, more than this is no good~~. Because it will become boring if you talk~. 』 (Saria) As I thought, this goddess was involved!

“Goddess-sama, please wait just a minute. For what reason do you hate Shimizu to that extent? Shimizu only heard your voice, and goddess-sama, you only saw Shimizu’s face, right?” (Ryūzaki)

『Ryūzaki-kun, that is, it’s because this person committed a taboo~~. I have to give punishment. We~ll, it’s time for the medicine before long~. Well the~n, Wicked Heart Medicine~, come now, drink this quickly~~. 』 (Saria)

“Hey! Hey, you didn’t give a response. You just saw Shimizu’s face, how does that violate a taboo?” (Ryūzaki) My body won’t move. a small bottle appeared in my mouth.

“——” (Akane)

I desperately appealed to Ryūzaki-kun and the others. But, everyone’s bodies were rigid, they were unable to speak or move. Although everyone was frantically trying to move, they didn’t give an inch.

Opposition was in vain, and I swallowed the Wicked Heart Medicine. At that moment, something disgusting appeared inside of my body. I couldn’t suppress my impulse to scream. And at that time, everyone’s

rigidity was off.

“AAAAAAAH—————!” (Akane)

“Shimizu~~!” (Ryūzaki)

“Shimizu-san!” (Shibaya)

“Hey, you’re unpleasant. Because the inside of Shimizu-san is rapidly overflowing with miasma. Goddess-sama, one way or another it’s wrong. How can we get you to forgive Shimizu-san?” (Kubo)

『Hey~~, I wonder if Kubo-san is also an ally of Shimizu-san~~. If that’s the case, I can completely kill everyone~~? 』

(Saria)

Aaaaah, keep your consciousness. At least, I’ll set everyone free. That goddess, she was giving me the feeling she would kill everyone when she changes her mind. If it was killing me, you should have been able to do it at any time, so why didn’t you do so? Think, think. That room, that box, no way! That person, was she mostly unable to interfere in this world? If that box and the space of the room were required for her intervention, if we were able to escape from this room, even though it was maybe impossible for me, everyone else might be saved.

“E-E-, Everyone, run away. Run away quickly. I’ll kill everyone if it stays as is.” (Akane)

“I’m unable to let a friend to die without helping! Damn it, there must to be some method to save you.” (Ryūzaki) Ryūzaki-kun, thank you for saying I’m your friend. I’ll depend on Kubo-kun during something like this.

“Ku-, Ku-, Kubo-san, pl-, please, take everyone and escape.” (Akane)

“Shimizu-san, —damn it! Run away everyone. Ryūzaki, Shibaya, Nagasaki, Kondou, Furukawa, escape now. The miasma is rapidly expanding. The current us, we aren’t able to oppose. Run away while Shimizu-san retains herself.”

(Kubo)

“But, Kubo.” (Ryūzaki)

It couldn’t be helped, although it was a little rough, I would set them free from this room. While keeping my ego somehow, I flung everyone

else out of the room. And then, I blockaded the entrance by desperately striking the ceiling of the room.

『Shimizu-san~~, you did it in your final moments~. Well, I think it's fine. Because I am able to erase your figure from this world~~.』
(Saria)

It was fine with this, but I couldn't bear moving in accordance with that goddess's expectations!

Aah, I'm at my limit already, Sakuragi-kun, Mika, I'm sorry. Then, my consciousness was interrupted.

Haruto Sakuragi's Point of View

Ryūzaki and others were late in returning. Did something happen? In the plan, when we finally arrived at the 5th layer, we'd move to the transfer room that is installed every 5 layers, and we'd gather at the entrance of the dungeon. However,

they didn't return no matter how much time passed. Oh, that was Kubo, they came back. Don't be irritated. What's wrong, their appearances were strange!

“Kubo, why'd you abandon her!” (Ryūzaki)

“What could we do in that situation? At that point in time, there wasn't a way to save Shimizu-san. If we made a small mistake, Shimizu-san would've killed everyone. But, I guess I'm always regrettable!” (Kubo) Hey, wait, what? Something happened to Shimizu? I hurried towards the place Ryūzaki and the others were. There were 6

people with wounds all over their body there, but Shimizu's figure wasn't there. You're kidding. Shimazaki suddenly appeared before I said something.

“Hey, Ryūzaki, Akane isn't here! What happened?” (Mika)

“——Shimazaki, Sakuragi, I'm sorry. We couldn't protect Shimizu. I'll say the reason.” (Ryūzaki) After hearing in detail what happened from Ryūzaki and others, I was astonished. A taboo was violated by the goddess only seeing Shimizu's face, and furthermore, she made Shimizu drink the Wicked Heart Medicine and she turned into an evil tribe! And with only a little back talk, the goddess changed her mind

and changed to kill everyone, and for the sake of preventing that, it seemed Shimizu risked her life to free the 6 people and she caved-in the room. You're kidding.

While the chivalric order and everyone was panicking, one person, Marcus-san, was thinking about something calmly.

"It's absurd, a hidden room! Moreover, a Caprice Box! That's a thing that should be in B-class or higher dungeons. That, how is it in a D-class? Tsk, however, that miasma is the real deal." (Marcus)

"Everyone, attention!" (Marcus)

"It has been discovered that Akane is in a critical situation. However, for now, you must not enter this dungeon. That miasma, I don't know whether or not we are able to oppose it. Fortunately, because it is a dungeon, it won't invade the royal capital. After this, I will conduct an emergency meeting with the king, but I think I want to investigate the correspondence of hereafter. You all, temporarily, return to your guys' rooms and wait for orders. That's all!" (Marcus) As one would expect from Marcus-san. He's always calm. I also must follow his example.

"Kubo, what Ryūzaki said was completely true." (Sakuragi)

"Ah, that's right. We are also upset, and I don't know what happened to her after that. Sakuragi-kun, I also don't mind you hitting me." (Kubo)

Damn it! Ahh, I see, this was hatred. That goddess, during our next meeting, I would absolutely kill her.

"Hit you? What for? Ryūzaki and others isn't at fault. That goddess is at fault for everything. Say, Kubo, this is a first for me. Feeling killing intent towards the goddess, no, towards people until this place." (Sakuragi)

"You——, is that so." (Kubo)

I sat down while looking at Shimazaki. Those 2 were supposed to be close friends.

"Sakuragi, I'll go help Akane. It's easy if it's the 4th layer." (Mika)

If it's you, I thought you'd be like that.

"It's useless. We aren't allowed." (Sakuragi)

“Why! Don’t you care about Akane? Because of the goddess’s whim, she had the lowest attribute values, was without skills, and if she becomes something like an evil tribe here, she will be absolutely subjugated immediately.” (Mika)

“Shimazaki, even I want to rescue her immediately. But, look, enormous evil energy is springing forth from the dungeon’s entrance. Probably, I think that is Shimizu. We absolutely aren’t able to oppose it now. We are weak. In our present condition, what we are able to do now is advise the king and get him to forbid entry into the dungeon. In that case,

Shimizu also won’t get subjugated. During that, we’ll search for items to restore her to a person from an evil tribe.”

(Sakuragi)

“Although I understand the reason, Sakuragi-kun, why are you calm like that! What are you doing, Kubo-kun.” (Mika) Kubo stopped Mika who was trying to throw herself at me.

“Shimazaki-san, calm down. Properly look at Sakuragi-kun.” (Kubo)

“Eh? Ah! Sakuragi, both of your hands have become covered in blood.” (Mika)

“Even he wants to go help her immediately. But, he is the hero. If he takes impertinent actions as a hero, the surroundings will become too confusing. He is also suffering.” (Kubo)

Listening to that speech, Shimazaki appeared to have regained her composure.

“Sorry, Sakuragi.” (Mika)

“It’s fine. Say, Kubo, Shimazaki, I have a request.” (Sakuragi)

“Your request, is it difficult?” “What is your request?” (Kubo + Mika)

“The 4 women behind me, Kaneko, Aoki, Ogura, and Koutou, I want you to not let those guys come near me from now on.” (Sakuragi)

“I don’t mind that, but why?” (Mika)

“Those guys, even now it looks to me like they are glad Shimizu is in such a state. If they come close to me, it seems I will kill them by

mistake. I cannot completely conceal my killing intent.” (Sakuragi)¹

“Hey!” “Hey, that is!” (Kubo + Mika)

“Currently, I barely suppressed it.” (Sakuragi)

“I understand, to the best of my ability, I won’t let them come close.”
(Kubo)

“Understood. I’m sorry about some time ago.” (Mika)

Shimizu, I would absolutely save you!

Chapter 8 – The Evil God Demogorgon

What was this place? If I remembered correctly, the goddess made me swallow the Wicked Heart Medicine, but did I not become an evil tribe? Perhaps, I was subjugated already, and there wasn’t something like a ‘hell’ here. Ryouzaki-kun and others, I wonder if they were able to escape safely. It looked like I could move my limbs. All right, let’s try to walk.

Hmm, the ground had become white in every direction as far as I could survey. What happened? Again, I wondered if the goddess had set something. Eh, what? The ground was shaking!

『Fufufu, hahaha, my vessel has come at last, I was tired of waiting! 』
(???) What? This voice. It was a low and very intimidating voice.

“Eh, who?” (Akane)

『What, didn’t you hear from Urubus? I, the evil god Demogorgon, am the person referred to as the origin of chaos. Did you swallow the Wicked Heart Medicine? 』 (???->Demogorgon)

Demogorgon? Urubus? I didn’t understand in the slightest. It hadn’t turned up in the lessons either.

“I certainly did swallow, no, I was forced to swallow it, by that goddess. But now I was supposed to have transformed into an evil tribe from a person.” (Akane)

『If you tell a lie, say something more credible. The goddess Sphere who imprisoned me here, there is no way that she can make a human drink the Wicked Heart Medicine. That medicine, it’s a medication that ties my soul to a specific person’s soul. By killing you and hijacking your body, it becomes possible for me to escape from here.

Urubus, you completed it at last. I have waited 4000 years. 』
(Demogorgon)

Huh? Who was the goddess Sphere? The medicine tied your soul? Was I in the state of a soul now? Everything was something I was hearing for the first time.

If I remembered correctly, what was her name? Aria, Taria, ah, Saria!

“Wait just a minute. The goddess I am talking about is Saria. The name of the goddess Sphere is something I’m hearing for the first time. Besides, that guy certainly said it when she made me swallow the Wicked Heart Medicine. It was a medicine that makes you turn into an evil tribe.” (Akane)

『Saria? I haven’t heard of her. Well, it’s just fine if I enter inside of this girl and gather information after I return to the world. Now, let’s take your body! 』 (Demogorgon)

Everybody was self-centered! I wonder if every god was like this.

Suddenly, a black hand appeared from the sky. He was going to eat me!

Why do only I go through such things. What had he said? To summarize the information so far, he said the real function of the Wicked Heart Medicine was to tie the evil god’s soul to my soul. So that means, this place was also my mental world. It was sink or swim, I had no choice but to try out my unique skill. Although it was annoying to use the unique skill which I received from that goddess, it was a state of emergency. Be invoked from my wish!

Creating a sword to slice the evil god, I felt a little weight in my right hand. All right, there was a sword. Turning the sword towards that arm, I fired a wind blade. Thereupon a gigantic blade of wind appeared, which vertically cut his arm in two with a single slice.

『What! Ridiculous, you cut my right arm! You, what kind of person are you? 』 (Demogorgon) Hooray, if I had this unique skill, I could defeat that guy. However, I could defeat that guy, for example, but only my level and attribute values would rise. In my case, it should rise 1 at a time every 1 level, so my attribute values would slightly rise.

That being the case, level 6 as is, I’ll steal all of that guy’s black arts, unique skills, skills, and attribute values. What do I say?

“Do you want to know who I am? Make an appearance if that’s the case.” (Akane)

『Lass, very well. Take hold of me. I’ll show you a souvenir of the underworld.』 (Demogorgon) Black smoke came down from the sky. It gathered steadily.

I wasn’t able to see the skills of the evil god. Was there some interference? It couldn’t be helped.

Although I didn’t know the original form of the evil god, I just changed the outside contents (attribute values, skills, magic, etc) without change.

Geez, anything was fine. Since today’s breakfast, I hadn’t eaten anything, so let’s see, seal all of his abilities and change him into a steak special! At that instant, light suddenly gushed out from the black smoke. It was dazzling~~.

The smoke and light cleared away. In that place——there was one steak special.

No way~! He really became a steak special~~!

『Come now, how about this, this is my true appearance.』 (Demogorgon)

“——Pfft, pupu, kuku, ahahahaha~~~~. With that state, don’t say it’s your true appearance. Ahahahahaha~~.” (Akane)

『What? Hey, lass, what factors are there to laugh at? Finally, she became amusing.』 (Demogorgon)

“Kukuku, I’ll die of laughter. A true appearance in the state of a steak special——, and an evil god is in this, ahahahahaha.”

(Akane)

Somehow, although it was a serious development until now, it had suddenly become a world of comedy. No way, he really became a steak special.

『You, are you mocking me to the end? Die, ‘Calamity End’. ??? Why don’t my black arts appear. What kind of thing is this!』 (Demogorgon)

Kuku, aah, he still doesn’t understand the situation. Let’s take out a mirror and show him.

“Yes, this is, ku, ku, kuku, your true appearance.” (Akane)

『What is this appearance! You, did you change it with magic? That’s ridiculous, my magical resistance is MAX! 』

(Demogorgon)

“Ah~, when it comes to my unique skills, they don’t care about such things. Now, in any case, let’s eat.” (Akane)

『Hey, you, what do you plan on doing! 』 (Demogorgon)

“As for what, it seems I have decided to eat you. Because of the goddess Saria, I cannot memorize magic nor skills.

Honestly, I think it’s funny. In actuality, I was able to manipulate magical power and circulate magical power, so perhaps in my case, it only isn’t indicated in my status, and I might remember a few. I’m able to understand if that’s the case. That goddess is also an idiot.” (Akane)

『What did you understand from one person! That you’ll eat me! 』 (Demogorgon)

“Ah, sorry, it’s like that. I will eat everything with the exception of your level. Of course, at the point in time I eat everything, you will vanish.” (Akane)

If I thought about it properly, because this place was the same thing as my mental world, if I wished for it myself, it should unfold as I desire. Thus, it wasn’t required to think too hard. I desired everything with the exception of the evil god’s level.

『St-, stop, stop it! Things like being eaten with an appearance like this and dying are too unpleasant. I am an evil god.

Stop, I’m begging you. 』 (Demogorgon)

I displayed my best smile and said.

“Thanks for the meal.” (Akane)

“Stoooooooooooooooooooooooooop!!! 』 (Demogorgon)

The evil god, no, it was different, I devoted myself and greedily devoured the steak special of the former evil god. Each time I ate, a shriek was audible but I disregarded it. I wanted to live. People did

anything if they were cornered, and if there was something to cling to, they would cling to anything. Now, I had nothing to do with what became of the evil god's last moments. He was in the wrong when he challenged me some time ago.

—Thus, I devoured all of him.

“What a wonderful meal. He was awfully delicious, the evil god——, I forgot his name.” (Akane) Now, how far did my attribute values increase?

Name: Akane Shimizu

Age: 16

Race: Evil Tribe (Former Human)

Gender: Female

Class: Evil God

Level: 6

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 94 → 12543250

Defense: 74 → 11246024

Agility: 89 → 10589857

Luck: 0 → 100

Magical Power: 135 → 18984670

Evil Power: 18984670

Skills: Incompetence

Unique Skills: Free Dream

Title: The One Disliked by the Goddess

I did it~, my basic attribute values increased.¹ Although I was bothered by my luck only being 100 for some reason, it was better than 0. Well, the MAX might be 100. Uwah~, my race turned into an evil tribe, and my class became an evil god.

Well, it became like that because I ate one. Even without eating him, I would have become an evil tribe because of the medicine. In accordance with what I thought, my skills didn't increase at all. But, I understood. This just merely wasn't indicated, and I remembered several skills in actuality, as I remembered the black arts. However, information related to the evil god didn't come. Perhaps, I myself may have potentially disliked it. Or that, there may have been a limit for unique skills.

That's right, let's try it now.

"Inform me about the goddesses of this world, Saria and Sphere."
(Akane)

There was no reply.

"Teach me the black arts Calamity End." (Akane)

A voice came to be heard this time.

『Calamity End is a technique which compresses evil power of an evil god into your right hand to your utmost limits and is used as a blade, and it is able to cut everything.』

Heehh, I tried various things after that, such as the black arts and skills I remembered myself, and although it informed me the details about magic and skills I knew from books, there was no response about things with no information at all.

Probably, because it was my mental world, if it was something I knew in detail, naturally anything would be free. Things I don't know I will research in the real world. However, because I was being informed in detail in relation to the black arts, magic, and skills, let's study here for a while.

Next was the status of this world. This was something similar to personal history. Skills were the sleeping potential in the person themselves acquired by training, and magic was something like a capability. In this world, these were automatically listed. As for me, because it wasn't able to be on my status, it has been arranged so I won't be able to acquire magic or skills my whole life. In actuality, when I called it to mind in my head, it appeared in an endless stream. Really, what was that goddess? Why would she give me such a half-baked skill, 'Incompetence'? Was it a simple whim? Well, no. Without relying on my status from now on, I had to adjust with my own ability. For the sake of mastering these things, I trained here, but let's

become an adventurer after I return and subjugate evil tribes.

Next, was the goddess Saria. Thanks to the evil god, the unique skill 'Existence Concealment' was activated, as even when I escaped from here, my existence seemingly became an ordinary evil tribe to only the goddess Saria, so I wouldn't be suspected because I concealed my existence. Truthfully, although I also wanted to do it to Sakuragi-kun and others, this unique skill, it somehow looks like it showed tremendous effects in the situation there was only one target. Perhaps, it was for the goddess Sphere. And, for my unique skill 'Free Dream', I was thanking that goddess only this time. Without this, about this time, I would be dead and my body would've been hijacked. As both our souls were tied together, it was deemed as my mental world, and as a result I was able to invoke it.

Ah, that's right, let's fabricate my status with the ordinary skill 'Fabrication: MAX level'.

After Forgery

Name: Sasha

Race: Human

Gender: Female

Class: Adventurer

Level: 15

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 4250

Defense: 4024

Agility: 4857

Luck: 50

Magical Power: 5670

Skills:

Fencing 7

Magical Power Circulation 6

Magical Power Manipulation 6

Other Kinds 10

Magic:

Fire 10

Water 10

Earth 7

Wind 10

Light 7

Darkness 6

Space 7

Flame 4

Ice 4

Storm 3

Holy 6

Unique Skills: None

Title: None

Yup, a scene like this. My name was also different. In adventurer ranks, I wonder if it was B-class.

That's right, I wonder if my appearance had changed? Let's try to look in the mirror of some time ago.

Uwah, the color of my hair changed from black to silver. Nothing changed except for that, but it was fine.

With this, I calmed down a little. Although I survived somehow, I had better not meet Mika and Sakuragi-kun anymore.

Still, I was an evil tribeswoman. Sakuragi-kun was a hero. We had become incompatible existences.

Next, what to do about this place? Originally, although this space was the place an evil god was sealed in, because that evil god became me, let's proceed to use it as is. Since I commandeered it, I wonder if it had become my mental world for now. If that's the case, in this room where time has suspended, let's make it so that I could take in numerous things, the

'Top-Class Item Box'.

—It was fine with this!

After that, let's train in here so I could master skills, unique skills, magic, and the black arts.

Chapter 9 – Shopping and the Adventurer's Guild

Since then, I wonder how much time has passed. Even though time had stopped inside of this space, reality was different.

Because I repeatedly trained in here, my senses were numb the whole time. For the time being, because I knew there were

no problems by checking my body in reality at fixed intervals, I thought a number of days like that hadn't passed.

However, the functions of my body and a human should be different because I had become an evil tribe if I thought about it carefully.

Let's try to ask myself as a test.

"Since I have come to this place, what amount of days have passed? Inform me in the time of the real world." (Akane)

【Approximately 3 days have passed.】

Three days! Only 3 days had passed!

Since I started training, it should have been more than a month according to my body clock.

The world which sealed the evil god, it was best to think of it as completely detached from the time and space of the parallel world Spherethalia. Perhaps, 1 day in Spherethalia may be equivalent to 10 days in here.

If that was the case, I wonder if 400 years would become the 4000 years of the evil god. I needed to investigate when I returned to the

real world.

Well, I grew to handle all of my power, and I became able to roughly estimate. Later, I'll recognize my power in the real world, and will just adjust it again.

Well now, shall I break out from here?

— — — — — Where's that room to this place? There isn't a Caprice Box anymore. Was my body the same as the one I saw in my mental world? I had a sword, and I also had reliable clothes and armor. *Uu*, I'm hungry. Even if I ate in my mental world, it naturally wouldn't be arranged so that I ate in reality. For now, let's become accustomed to my body because my attribute values increased all at once. After that, a letter. I'll leave one behind because there was a possibility Sakuragikun and others would come looking for me.

— — — No way, I hadn't thought it would take the time until here in order to grow accustomed to it. I had memorized too many skills. As they weren't indicated in my status, it was unnecessarily complicated. Although it's good I completely put it in order somehow, I wonder how much time has passed. *Uu*, I'm hungry. Having broke the entrance, let's escape at once. Here's the 4th layer, oh, I've discovered a kobold! It was subjugated at once, and died. What? The second it met my eyes, it died. Ah, the 'Overpower' skill was automatic. Furthermore, it was MAX level. It's no wonder things run away.

Let's release the automatic. Dangerous dangerous, if I disagreed with an adventurer, they might die from just my

'Overpower'. My confirmed oversight wasn't there anymore.

Next, the 3rd layer. As I ascended the stone staircase, a voice came to be audible from the other side. Let's immediately use the 'Concealment' skill. It would be the worst if it was an acquaintance. What turned up was Marcus-san. It was good to use 'Concealment'~. But, it was unpleasant. Since I cannot use it the whole time, I want to hide my face with such things as a coat while I stay in the royal capital at least. Anyway, let's disregard Marcus-san and advance ahead.

"Everyone, pay attention. The 4th floor was the place Akane went missing. Since we don't know what evil tribe she became, pay close attention when you are subjugating evil tribes. Do not subjugate Akane no matter what happens."

(Marcus)

“But, leader, seeing that Akane has become an evil tribe, we unfortunately have no choice but to subjugate her?”

(Classmate)

“Properly speaking, we would immediately subjugate her. However, most people such as Mika and Haruto haven’t given up. If they have time, they are searching for items to restore her. For us, just finding Akane is fine. Even if she changed into an evil tribe, her attire and appearance probably closely resemble her. For argument’s sake, in the case she is subjugated, I heard that Haruto would off himself.”

(Marcus)

“He’s resolved himself to that extent!? I understand, we’ll only concentrate on searching.” (Classmate) Sakuragi-kun, Mika, I’m trying my best for the sake of you guys. What to do, should I reveal myself? —it’s no good.

Probably, everyone would be delighted in the beginning. But, as more and more days pass and the longer we fight the evil

tribes, they would notice that I had become far stronger than themselves. As the cause was because I became an evil tribe, people who treat me as an apparition would appear without fail sooner or later. Were Kaneko-san and others a good example? Moreover, there was also the matter of my title. Thanks to the unique skill ‘Existence Concealment’, the effects of my title have mostly vanished, but there was a possibility of it causing trouble somewhere. Sorry, Marcus-san. I cannot go to the royal palace. However, I will come without fail when you fall into a crisis.

I had finally arrived at the first layer. Somehow, this dungeon looked like it had become off-limits now. The cause was I, proforma, was expected to have appeared as a powerful evil tribe. I thought I would have to use speed and force my way through here, but no one noticed me thanks to ‘Concealment’. Somehow, it was lonesome in that case, but I cleared the 1st gateway.

Next, an adventurer’s coat. I had a little money if I wasn’t not mistaken, so I had to think about buying a meal portion.

Nevertheless, it may have been because I had shut myself in the castle and was concentrated on training until now, but I mostly hadn’t seen the townscape. Although I had seen it a little, I forgot it immediately.

It might have been from me being under the pressure of necessity to that extent. The townscape resembled Europe in the mediaeval times, and the facial expressions of everyone were cheerful as well. However, according to Gallot-san, there was the disparity of wealth in each country even now, and it was said there were also cases of nobles oppressing commoners. Even this country, there were slums when you went to the outskirts of towns, and it was said that there was also bad public order there. Even in a parallel world, there were places that resembled my former world. Perhaps, maybe the gods had created this world, Spherethalia, based on our world. I wonder if that was a general store, let's untie my concealment and try to enter. Ah, the shopkeeper was in their 60's? It was a woman.

"Good, it's a general store. Excuse me, aren't there any coats including a hood for adventurer use?" (Akane)

"Oh, oh my, I'm happy my customer is such an adorable girl."
(Shopkeeper)

"Eh, no, that.....thank you very much." (Akane)

Although it was lip service, I was shy from clearly being called adorable.

"Since it is dangerous these days, be careful, young miss. It was a coat including a hood for adventurer use, right? What color is okay?"
(Shopkeeper)

"A color which is as inconspicuous as possible, please." (Akane)

"Well, then how about something like this?" (Shopkeeper)

Shown as merchandise, was a pale light brown coat. Yup, if it was this color, it would nicely balance with the clothes I was wearing now, and my face was also concealed to a certain extent.

"I will purchase this please. How much is it?" (Akane)

"Well, 3 silver coins is okay because you're adorable." (Shopkeeper)

I understood the value of merchandise thanks to my 'Goods Appraisal' skill. But, I wonder if it was okay? It was quite a bargain, though.

"Is that okay? This, it has the value of 5 silver coins." (Akane)

"It's fine. I'll give you a discount." (Shopkeeper)

“Thank you very much, you’ve saved me.” (Akane)

I paid the 3 silver coins. Let’s buy some undergarments as well because they were long-awaited. After that was food. This shop, as might be expected from it being called a general store, had an abundance of goods. Buying most things, I left the store. Shopkeeper-san, I wonder if she saw me as someone who disappeared without a trace. When I left, she was awfully worried.¹ Incidentally, I wonder if the value of 3 silver coins was 3000 yen.

Ah, I discovered a set meal shop! I was able to eat at last. Without delay, I entered and ordered an orc steak special.

By the way, although the evil tribes originally had grudge, the grudge disappeared at the point in time they were killed, so it wasn’t even a problem to eat it normally. This time, such things as calories were inconsequential. Now, I wanted to eat meat. I was too hungry. Fifteen minutes later, I had eaten everything on the plate. It was very delicious, I was satisfied.

“Clerk-san, this was very delicious.” (Akane)

Thank you very much. You were eating with amazing momentum.” (Clerk)

“Ahaha, I haven’t eaten decently in these past 2 days, and I was hungry for meat.” (Akane)

“Is that so. Are you an adventurer?” (Clerk)

“I’m going to the adventurer’s guild after this, thereupon I will register.” (Akane)

“Please take care. You had better not take off your hood. Someone will absolutely pick a quarrel with you.” (Clerk)

“Thank you.” (Akane)

Truthfully, I wanted to escape from the kingdom as is, but there were IDs for the likes of checking stations, towns, and villages. Well, it looked like there were magic tools to examine your personal history of crimes and status, but they appeared to be fairly valuable, so it seemed they were only in guilds and large towns. Hence, as IDs, cards were required in the case of adventurers. If it was a novel, although it was a template for it to become a mock battle with that adventurer in the surroundings in the case it was male, the other party would be

viciously beat, so I wonder what will happen in the case it's a girl. Well, let's try to enter for now.

Ohhh, it's surprisingly clean. There were 2 women at the reception desk. Over there, there was a lot of paper stuck. I wonder if those were written requests. For the time being, let's talk to the receptionist woman.

"Excuse me, I want to register as an adventurer." (Akane)

"Yes, this is your first application. It will become a little longer, but I'll explain about the subjugation of evil tribes, the process of accepting requests, and adventurer classes. To start with, ———"

(Receptionist) It's lengthy, she's been speaking for about 10 minutes already. The contents were also mostly the same as novels.

Summarizing it simply,

Classes were S, A, B, C, D, E, and F.

When you originally registered, you would perform a mock battle with an examiner, and your ability would be judged.

However, no matter what kind of good result appeared, you would start as a D-class. To become a C-class or higher, actual product was required to some extent.

Requests

You would tear off the written request on the bulletin board, and take it to the reception desk. If you achieved the contents of the request, the request was literally completed. In the case there were some defects in the request's contents, report it immediately.

Subjugation of Evil Tribes

According to the type of evil tribe, because the subjugation locations were different, confirm them in advance.

It was also acceptable to bring them as is. However, there was a disassembly fee involved.

I wonder if there was such an impression.

"That's the end. Do you have some questions?" (Receptionist)

"The examination, how soon will it be done?" (Akane)

“Since the B-class Kienz-san is here, it’s okay even from now.”
(Receptionist)

“I will do it from now.” (Akane)

“I understand. Well then, Sasha-san, we will call out to you as soon as the preparations are completed, so please wait a little while.”
(Receptionist)

A mock battle after the one with Kaneko-san. I wonder if I can win this time. Ah! That’s right, because I took in an evil god, my numerical values have become something ridiculous. It’s good I remembered, let’s go easy on them. Although I’m saying that, because I have to receive recognition as an adventurer, let’s have a reasonably good bout. I wonder what kind of contents were on the written requests. On the way of moving to the notice board, I caught someone’s foot.

Thereupon, the instant our legs touched one another, far from me falling, the person whose leg was caught collapsed magnificently. When I looked over my shoulder, the woman whose leg was caught some time ago was aching. ? I wonder if she’s okay. It couldn’t be helped, I called out to her.

“Is your leg okay?” (Akane)

“You did it!” (Woman)

“I was just walking. I didn’t do anything.” (Akane)

“Don’t mess around! Well, what I’m saying is your leg caught mine.”
(Woman) This person, did she say it from herself? Everyone was giggling. Ahh, I didn’t want to stand out because of such.

“Yes, that’s right. I was caught. After that, you toppled over.” (Akane)

Everyone burst out laughing.

“This woman, do a mock battle with me right now.” (Woman)

“No, I decline. I don’t understand the meaning of doing a mock battle. Besides, it’s impossible to do a mock battle as I have one with an examiner.” (Akane)

“If that’s the case then I’ll do it. There’s no problems as I’m a C-class.”
(Woman)

“If that’s the case then it’s fine. I don’t have any problems with it.

Please assess me accurately.” (Akane) After that, I consulted with the receptionist and received consent. The referee was the B-class Kienz-san. Now, I was in the training field, and I was facing the woman from some time ago, the C-class Lein-san. Well, how should I fight? Of course, let’s give her a blow from here. I set up the mock sword in an overhead position.

“Match start!” (Keinz)

Chapter 10 – New Cuisine and the Matters After This

“Huh, Lein-san plunged towards me naively honest. Her speed was slow! It’s in slow motion! Heehh, I’d finish it in one shot if I poured on a stroke of my sword in this place. This person, does she intend to evaluate me? In that case, using

‘Ground Contraction’, let’s move to the place Lein-san was originally standing. The second I moved with ‘Ground Contraction’, the voices of the surroundings which were bustling to that extent toned down at once. Why?

“Eh? When did she move!” “I didn’t see it at all!” “What’s happening!”

“You, when did you move! No way, it’s ‘Ground Contraction’!” (Woman->Lein) Ehh, why are you making a fuss from me just moving? Let’s end this quickly. Go easy on her, go easy on her. Again, posing in an overhead position, I moved before Lein-san’s eyes, and lightly swung downward.

How did that happen!

Lein-san didn’t defend, and was grandly blown off. Ehhhh, defend! And then, she crashed into the wall, and didn’t move nor twitch. Crap, ‘Person Appraisal’, good~, she didn’t die. But, only 1/4 of her physical strength was left.

“Eh? Th-, that’s it~. Lein, are you all right? Someone ask for recovery magic.” (Keinz)

As for this, I had to do it.

“I’ll do it. ‘High Heal’.” (Akane)

Again, the surroundings made noise. Why?

“Sasha, you can use ‘High Heal’!” (Keinz)

“Eh? Yes, but is there a problem with that?” (Akane)

“Those who have memorized recovery magic are scarce among adventurers. And, this strength. After this, you will be invited incessantly.” (Keinz)

Eh? That’s bothersome.

“For now, I intend to act alone. I have various circumstances .”
(Akane)

“Is that so, that’s too bad. She’s recovered consciousness. Lein, are you okay?” (Keinz)

“Hey, Keinz. Was I defeated?” (Lein)

“Are your injuries okay?” (Akane)

“You, no, Sasha, you recovered me?” (Lein)

“Yes, I have memorized recovery magic.” (Akane)

“Thank you. By no means had I considered things like strength until now.” (Lein) Eh? Perhaps she had tested me?

“Was it possibly that?” (Akane)

“It was bad, I tested you. I thought adventuring alone was a suicidal act.” (Lein)

“No, I’ll forgive you if you were concerned.” (Akane)

“I’m happy you said so. By no means did I think you could use ‘Ground Contraction’ at that age.” (Lein) Taking Lein-san’s hand, we made peace with a handshake. The surrounding spectators also applauded. I wonder if they had recognized me as an adventurer. After that, I remained to hear the story, and ‘Ground Contraction’ was the highest peak of the movement-class battle skills, but it was said that the people who could use it were limited. From the surroundings, I was invited by groups, but I somehow deceived them by telling them I acted alone. I received my guild card from the receptionist, ranked as D.

By letting magical power pass into this card, it appeared your current class, personal history of crimes, and your achievements so far were displayed. I heard that statuses weren’t displayed because they were super-confidential matters for oneself. In the adventurer’s guild, it was

said that all actual results of the achievement of requests were on the bulletin board.

“How about doing a request?” (Receptionist)

“I’ll pass for today. Is there an inn I can stay at inexpensively and am able to trust somewhere?” (Akane)

“In that case, the Possible Roof is fine.” (Receptionist)

What a name. I almost laughed. Being informed of the route, I headed towards the inn for now. Wasn’t there a tail?

Because I had a hooded coat put on the whole time, I thought I was suspected but it looked like I was alright. I was grateful to Keinz-san and Lein-san. Thanks to those 2 people, the adventurers had recognized my character and strength.

For a little while after this, being indebted to that guild is fine. I wonder if that’s the Possible Roof.

Huh, a child around the age of 12 was running the receptionist desk. It was a lovely boy.

“Ah, it’s a guest. Welcome. It’s 2 silver coins for 1 night, and 3 silver coins if morning and evening meals are included.

The advantages of adding 1 coin is a wonderful evening meal but the morning meal is modest.” (Boy) Oh, that being the case, it was natural to include evening meals. How about the number of days? Since my money was undependable, I think I’ll do 3 days for now. I was just barely okay.

“Three nights including morning and evenings meals, please. Yes, 9 silver coins.” (Akane)

“Thank you very much. This is the key to your room. Breakfast is from 6~9, and dinner is from 18~20.” (Boy)

“I understand. I’m called Sasha, please take care of me from today.” (Akane)

“Ah, I’m Kyle. Please treat me well.” (Boy-> Kyle)

I finished at the receptionist desk and entered my room.

The guild’s receptionist-san, although I don’t know her name, it’s nice

I received a referral. I could calm down if it was this place. To start with, I would conduct intelligence gathering related to the evil god, the Evil King, evil tribes, and the goddess in the royal capital first. Later, at the time of me living from now on, there was no money. I would earn money for a while, then when I had gathered information to a certain extent, I would escape the royal capital. Next, let's summarize the things so far.

1. The Reseal of the Evil King

There were 2 letters I left in the hidden room on the 4th layer of the dungeon, the 1st one is addressed to Marcus-san, and as for the contents,

“The 2nd letter, show it to only these 5 people: Mika, Sakuragi-kun, Marcus-san, Gallot-san, and the king, and leave the decision to Mika and Sakuragi-kun whether or not to talk to everyone in the class.”

If it was in this form, it won't be widely spread.

As for the contents of the 2nd letter,

1) I had an ego and was living as an evil tribe.

2) My figure was also still that of a human.

3) As my skills and attribute values have become an evil tribe's, my title was reset, so I'm not worried about living as I have acquired new things. (Half-Lie)

4) I was moving independently as it would become troublesome inside the castle of this country. Sakuragi-kun and others would reseal the Evil King, and I would investigate about the goddess Saria.

5) By the time you read this letter, I won't be in the Imperial City anymore. (Big Lie) Because it was Mika and Sakuragi-kun, they would speak to everyone in the class. For the time being, let's be careful towards Team Kaneko. If I was found, I have a hunch they would subjugate me without notifying everyone. On the contrary, if I viciously beat them, some connection would be attached, and I had a hunch it would go towards the direction of entire class subjugating me. It was alright because I was thinking about countermeasures already!

And, even if I could be sensed by the goddess Saria while I lived, thanks to the unique skill 'Existence Concealment', I would leave it as

is because I know my existence itself was very thin. However, if my thin existence was discovered from the goddess Saria's side, what kind of appearance would be seen? Because I was thin, I might be seen in the appearance of a kobold or goblin.

Well, if it was the contents of this letter, without even any kind of hesitation, they should be able to concentrate on resealing the Evil King.

However, there were matters I ought to be cautious about. Thanks to me eating the evil god, it would be possible to subjugate the Evil King even with my current status. However, there were incomprehensible components such as the evil god Demogorgon, the goddess Sphere, the goddess Saria, and the seal was weakening despite there not being a war. It was

better to not do things hastily. If it was subjugated here, I was unable to predict what would happen. Presently, I couldn't completely understand my status. For now, I had better not do any careless moves.

2. The relations of the evil god Demogorgon, the goddess Sphere, and the goddess Saria My current objectives were to investigate the evil god and the 2 goddesses, and to know this world more profoundly. At the present time, my information was too little.

It was such a feeling. I would concentrate on this and investigate it. I became drowsy when I was able to put things in order.

Ah~ I'm tired~~.

—There was knocking. I see, it was time for dinner.

“The preparations for dinner are completed.” (Kyle)

“Kyle, thank you for informing me.” (Akane)

My stomach was also hungry so it was a good time. I went to the 1st floor without wearing my coat, and sat at a table. At least, I wouldn't wear it inside of the inn. Although I had steak for lunch, wasn't there any steak still? As one would expect, it occurring in succession was unreasonable.

I was served—steak. Naturally, it was delicious. However, I wanted to eat other dishes more. No way, it wasn't continuously steak, right? Let's ask the head here. Just then, an uncle whose skin was a little

dark and was growing a beard was approaching. I wonder if he was Kyle's father.

"Excuse me, what is tomorrow's dinner plan? No way, it's not steak, right?" (Akane)

"Of course it's steak, since you added 1 silver coin. It must be luxurious." (Kyle's Dad) It was the worst. I couldn't have steak continuously. Were you cursed by an evil god?

"Is there no other menu? Fried chicken, pork fried with ginger, or something like that?" (Akane)

"Fried chicken? Pork fried with ginger? What are those? Are they food?" (Kyle's Dad) No way, he didn't know! I wonder if the former hero-sama didn't teach it. No way, was he too old to know? —It was possible. Alright, let's teach and show them.

"Shall I teach you if you like? It's very delicious. It also suits such things as ale and beer." (Akane)

"What, it suits ale? Interesting, would you make it?" (Kyle's Dad)

"First of all, is it okay to confirm the ingredients you have now?" (Akane)

"Ah, I don't mind. Ah, I haven't done a self introduction yet. I'm Kyle's father, Gale." (Kyle's Dad-> Gale)

"I'm Sasha." (Akane)

Entering the food preparation room, I confirmed whether or not my objective's ingredients were there. There was potato starch, soy sauce, ginger, orc, bird's meat, and so forth. Although I didn't have enough, I was able to do basic things. For now, let's try to prepare it. First of all, fried chicken. In Japan, I had cooked it everyday. Even though there wasn't enough materials, let's adjust with seasoning and the materials I have now. With this way, this probably should be fine. The rest is only deep-frying it. Well, although it was a part I wanted to be careful with since the delicious flavor would change with the time it was deep-fried, let's do it in accordance with the basics for now. All right, it was complete with this. When I turned back, Kyle and Gale were looking at me seemingly curious.

"What is that art of cooking? Such things as deep-frying in oil, I'm seeing it for the first time." (Gale)

“But, Dad, it looks like it has a very good flavor.” (Kyle)

“It’s no good still. Since I’ll remove the excess oil. With this, alright, it’s finished~. This is fried chicken. Try to eat it.”

(Akane)

“This is fried chicken?” (Gale)

Ah, Gale-san, you ate it at once despite it being hot.

“It’s hot~~, but it’s delicious~! What is this, the inside is hot and the exterior is crispy, but it’s delicious anyway!” (Gale)

“All right, me, too!! Delicious~~. The flavor is a first. I haven’t eaten something delicious like this.” (Kyle) Somehow, they were very delighted. If it was from me, it was a common flavor but, ah, let’s take out the ale.

“Gale-san, the ale. Please try them together.” (Akane)

“I understand. *N!!* What is this! It suits the ale extremely well. It’s too delicious.” (Gale)

“It’s rich when it is only fried chicken, but if there are some light vegetables, it’s even more good.” (Akane) That, had disappeared already. They ate quickly. When I looked at the surroundings, the other guests were looking at Gale-san and me. They gently nodded when they saw Gale-san. No way, we’re making it for everyone? In the end, fried chicken was made for everyone this day, and was distributed for free in the form of sampling food.

Every Guest:

“””Yummy~, it’s the best!””” “Sasha-san, become my wife~”

It slipped into turmoil somehow, and I was proposed to but I politely declined.

Whether or not it was delicious to that extent, it became a complete feast, and I was the one who cooked. In the end, I ended up going to bed late.

Chapter 11 – First Job

It was 9 in the morning. *Uu~*, I didn’t sleep much. Yesterday, it had become a full-on banquet. Let’s recover with ‘Heal’.

Kyle and Gale-san seemed to be sleepy as they descended to the 1st floor.

“Both of you, good morning.” (Akane)

“Ohh, Sasha, morning!” (Gale)

“*Fuaahhh*~~, ah, Sasha-san, good morning.” (Kyle)

“Gale-san, you look energetic. Despite them making a racket to that extent yesterday. Kyle seems to be tired still.”

(Akane)

“I’m very energetic. Since then, I’ve looked at the recipe for fried chicken and repeatedly practiced. The special is fried chicken from today’s evening.” (Gale)

Gale-san, you didn’t sleep! Try your best~.

Moreover, I’ll also eat fried chicken to that extent today! Kyle was also delighted, well, it’s fine.

“It’s good you were pleased with it. If there is time, I also teach you about croquettes and pork fried with ginger.” (Akane)

“Even if you say ‘croquettes’, are they deep-fried in oil?” (Gale)¹

“Yes, croquettes are a cuisine of the masses. It is cheap despite this, and is a substitute said to be delicious.” (Akane)

“Whether or not such cuisines exist, I want to try to eat it immediately, but it is fried chicken for now.” (Gale)

“Well, may I eat some breakfast?” (Akane)

Breakfast was really modest, but my stomach expanded reasonably. Putting on my hooded coat, on the way to the guild, I bought lunch rations and went towards the guild. As I entered inside, Keinz-san and Lein-san were there.

“Lein-san, Keinz-san, good morning.” (Akane)

“Hey, Sasha, I heard. It seems you’ve made a new cuisine. It was fried chicken or something like that.” (Keinz)

“Moreover, I heard it suits ale.” (Lein)

“Huh!? It’s already well-known!” (Akane)

Quick. It was today’s yesterday!

“Aah, those guys who stayed at the Possible Roof were rolled up in boasting. An extremely beautiful person invented a new cuisine, and it was said it resulted in a banquet.” (Keinz)

A beautiful person, that makes me happy somehow.

“Although I thought you would do something, I didn’t think you would make a fuss with cooking.” (Lein)

“I taught Gale-san the recipe. He improved it to a certain extent, and if it became more delicious, he would tell the recipe to the public. It looks to me like everyone in the royal capital wants to eat it. Until then, there is a limit on guests.”

(Akane)

“Is that true! To eat it immediately, you have no choice but to stay there?” (Keinz)

“As I thought. As to whether or not things would become like this, I made arrangements in advance.” (Lein)

“Lein, you’re cunning.” (Keinz)

“Keinz, what if you go from now?” (Akane)

“It’s impossible. I have an escort request from today, so I have to go to Halmut. I will return here after one week.” (Keinz) The timing was bad.

“That’s regrettable. Please be patient.” (Akane)

“I will enjoy fried chicken together with Sasha.” (Lein)

Separating from Lein-san and Keinz-san, I went towards the bulletin board. It seemed I had come quite late, as the requests up to E-class had disappeared across the board. Well, I could accept D and E requests because I was a D-class.

Hmm, ah, there’s a D. Subjugation of 3 orcs, and it’s fairly close from here. It’s a moderate request, let’s do this. Tearing off the note, I

brought it to the receptionist.

“Excuse me, this request please.” (Akane)

“The subjugation of 3 orcs. Although I think there’s no problem because of Sasha-san’s power, don’t be negligent. I’m called Karen, please treat me favorably.” (Receptionist-> Karen)

“I’m Sasha. It is I who should say so, please treat me well.” (Akane)

Well now, let’s go to my first job!

There was a big gate at the entrance and exit of Imperial Capital, and they checked for the existence of people’s criminal records inside a defensive room in the vicinity. Because I had no connections when I left, I passed through without stopping and went outside. Well, the place the orcs appeared was a place inside the forest which took an hour to walk to, so as a result I had originally wanted to rent a horse and go, but I ran because I had no money.

After running for 20 minutes, I couldn’t see the gate anymore. Although adventurers were fighting evil tribes in the vicinity of the forest’s entrance, they were simply burying them. Well, they were goblins. Although goblins were F-class, goblin lords were superior kinds, and it seemed goblin knights appeared rarely. However, care was required when it appeared. Because superior kinds took along subordinate kinds with them, there seemed to be many subordinate kinds in the vicinity, and it was said that there were also times they made worst villages². In that case, you must report it to the

guild immediately. How about the orcs this time? Let’s be cautious, it’s almost the place of destination. Using my ‘Search LVL MAX’ skill, there indeed were orcs, 3 of them. Behind, there were 5 people and 1 beastman as well. I wondered if it was a separate case because they were a long way off from the orcs. Even when I extended the range more, superior kinds weren’t found. In novels, you’d encounter the superior kinds while exterminating goblins and orcs, then discover a village and annihilate it as is, and although it was a common pattern, such a convenient development won’t be early. Well, I’ll do them in.

—Although it was good I found the orcs, I recalled a game somewhere. Orcs themselves become rations if you sever their heads, so they repatriate to the item box as is. Whether or not the other party also noticed, they ran this way. Their weapons were clubs. Let’s attempt to stop their blows. The orc brandished its large club, and

swung downward with all of its strength. Hmm, what should I say? Since I was disguised, this orc who was full of it tried to kill me but it was weak. I didn't feel anything, not even an impact, even though I stopped his blow normally. Even after that, although I repeatedly stopped their blows when they swung their clubs downward many times over, I wondered if they didn't have a learning ability. No more, I've lost interest. In the end, the subjugation of the 3 orcs ended in 10 minutes. Now then, shall I oppose the group of 6 that has surrounded me!

"Hey, you guys, I wonder if you have some business with me? Well, because there is business, it seems you've surrounded me. If you do not come out within 10 seconds from now, I will kill all of you guys. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6." (Akane) Ah, a bow and arrow attack came from the tree 5 meters above. Well, you tried to kill me without warning, so let's return it to your right shoulder. Grabbing the arrow, I threw it back to the right shoulder of the other party who shot at me.

Alright, it hit.

"Eh? Uwah~, my right shoulder!" (???)

Ah, he fell. This time, it was a sword attack from behind. Catching hold of the sword with my bare hands, I stole it and thrust it into their right arm. Hmm, since the fight with an evil god, I was able to do it without hesitation even when I'm attacking people. I wonder if this was because I became an evil tribe.

"Guwa~, what! This guy!" (???)

Ah, the attacks stopped. The 4 remaining people came out. There was a cat beastmen girl about 10 years old, and her eyes were lifeless. She was probably a slave. Even in this country, there were normally slave merchants, and Gallot-san had said they were buying and selling people who were criminals. Among them, it seemed there were also black marketeers who would sell slaves which were kidnapped illegally.

The 4 other men, I guessed they were thieves from seeing them.

"You, how dare you hurt my comrades." (???-> Thief A)

"Ha! In spite of coming to attack that person, they get angry if it's done back to them. A typical, stupid thief rascal. Well then, my time is also precious, so please die." (Akane)

With ‘Person Appraisal’, I knew that they (other than the beastman) were thief rascals that were mentioned in the blacklist.

“You! Hey, listen to this one’s story. Well, since you are quite a fine jewel, be a slave—” (Thief A)

“Eh? Except for you, I’ve completely killed them already, but I’m going to deliver you to the guild as you’re the leader.”

(Akane)

Since it was bothersome to move, the darkness magic ‘Dark Lance’ had gone through their chests and they had died.

“That, when did you! I didn’t even feel a surge of magic and there was no aria!” (Thief A- > Thief Leader)

“You fool! Why should I must have an aria for every one. It’s a waste of time. That’s right, tell me where your guys’

hideout is. I just wanted money.” (Akane)

“Ku, there’s no hideout. Because we disguised ourselves with a magic tool.” (Thief Leader)

Hehhh, it looked like it was true. It couldn’t be helped.

“Damn, Finn, retreat, you’re a hindrance.” (Thief Leader)

Ah, this guy, he thrust away the girl. Hmm, where’d that guy go?

“You lost sight of me, it’s bad you were negligent, Hyahha~, die!” (Thief Leader) I knew you were above me. Ah, I found a stone the size of a fist, it’s just right. Grabbing the stone, I aimed at that man’s stomach and threw it. And then, a direct hit—it was nice, but it hit his crotch instead of his stomach. Sorry, it wasn’t on purpose. The man dropped as is.

“Y-, y-, you, doing—something—like this. Damn—” (Thief Leader)

“Kuku, kukuku, hahahahaha, stop walking like that! You, I wonder if you know what you’re doing. Stop walking like Mi○○el Jack○○³. Hahahahaha.” (Akane)

“You—did it—you son of a bitch—” (Thief Leader)

“Forgive me~, hahahahaha. B-, because I’ll die from laughter as is, quickly faint.” (Akane)

“Gu~, what.” (Thief Leader)

As he was of no use anymore, I made him lose consciousness.

Dangerous dangerous, I was on the verge of dying from laughter.

“—Eh, —eh, eh, eh, fue~~~, you instant killed the Galum Gang~~~!!!” (Girl) Ah, there was a girl.

In spite of her not having any life until some time ago, I wonder if she recovered with the shock from seeing me defeating them in an instant.

“Hmm, these guys were the Galum thief group, eh? Well, I’m not interested, so with the exception of Galum, I’ll put them all in the item box.” (Akane)

Now, what to do with this girl?

“I’m called Sasha. You are?” (Akane)

“Fue, I-, I am called Finn. Until now, I was the Galum Gang’s slave. Err—please kill me.” (Girl->Finn) What was this girl saying abruptly? But, she didn’t have a left arm when I looked properly. There was also a severe burn mark on her face. Those guys, they can’t do such things to a small child like this!

“‘Max Heal.’” (Akane)

It was top ranking among recovery magic. As expected, her burn mark and loss of her left arm were repaired.

“Eh, eh, eh, fue~~~, my left arm was mended~~~!” (Finn)

“Look in the mirror, and try to look at your face.” (Akane)

“Hou~~~, there’s no burn mark. I’m completely healed~.” (Finn)

This child, her reactions were amusing one by one.

“Even though things may appear this way, do you want to die still?” (Akane)

“No, ah, um, thank you very much for the medical treatment. *U, uu~, uwa~n.*” (Finn) Huh? Eh? She was crying? It was understandable.

Well, I have to go back to the royal capital because I cannot be like thus the whole time.

“Although I will take Galum and return to the royal capital from now, what about Finn?” (Akane)

“I’ll also go!” (Finn)

“Well then, let’s depart.” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Finn)

Chapter 12 – Report to the Guild

With this, my first job had completely ended. On the way, although I was attacked by the Galum thieves group, I was able to deal with them without problems, and I would report it to the guild. Since I might speak with the Chivalric Order, let’s disguise my appearance. Akane Shimizu, in other words, Sasha, would be without change from the guild’s side, and Sasha would have her face and presence disguised from both my classmates and the Chivalric Order, but let’s do it in moderation because both parties would be suspicious when she changed too much. For example, it’s fine if I deceive them on the spot even when questioned. My ‘Disguise skill LVL MAX’ was convenient. Naturally, I wouldn’t use it for crimes.

“Hey, Finn, you are from the Alteheim or Rhedenburg Kingdom, right? Were you abducted by the Galum thieves group?”

(Akane)

“Fue, ah, yes, it’s like that. They made me sleep with magic when I was alone, and I had become a slave when I came to.”

(Finn)

Hmm, we’re alone in this place. I’ll conceal something.

“If you go to the guild and speak about your circumstances, you’ll surely be released from slavery.” (Akane)

“Eh? Released! Although I’m happy, can I return to my birthplace, the Rhedenburg Kingdom?” (Finn)

“You have no choice but to return with your own strength. There won’t be anyone who will take care of you to that extent.” (Akane)

She was hanging her head, what's wrong?

"Sasha-san, I have a request. Can you train me?" (Finn)

"What's the matter suddenly?" (Akane)

"I was in the royal capital of the Rhedenburg Kingdom, but I was called useless by everyone. Even with training *even with training*, my basic attribute values completely didn't increase, I couldn't master skills, and I was the laughingstock from everyone. Becoming a laughingstock anymore is unpleasant. I want to become strong. Please. Can you become my master?" (Finn)

This child, she was similar to me. Moreover, her eyes were serious. I couldn't leave her as is.

"You seem to be serious, I understand. However, I have a goal. For the sake of achieving that, I have to travel all around the world. Will you come regarding that?" (Akane)

"Yes, I'll do anything. It doesn't matter even if I'm a slave as is."
(Finn)

"It's fine with just that spirit. First of all, I'm going to appraise you."
(Akane)

"Yes!" (Finn)

Name: Finn Rhedenburg

Race: Beastmen, Rhedenburg Kingdom's Third Princess

Age: 12

Level: 1

Attack: 35

Defense: 30

Agility: 45

Luck: 13

Magical Power: 10

Skills:

Genius Speed 1

Martial Arts 1

Hook Technique 1

Magical Power Circulation 1

Magical Power Manipulation 1

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Unique Skills: ^、。

Title: ?。、^_

Brief Comments:

Because you are detested intensely by others, your attribute values won't change for your whole life.

Wow, there were parts with garbled text. Moreover, this brief comment, it isn't a goddess'. I was given a hint.

"I see, the Rhedenburg Kingdom's third princess, huh. And yet, you were cursed by someone." (Akane)

"Fue~, there was a curse put on me!?" (Finn)

She didn't know! Hmm, from the impression I saw, it's been locked with considerable power. Well, what to do? Although it was simple to solve the curse as is, it wasn't amusing. That's right, I'll make this curse more powerful and return it to the other party. With the black arts, I'll remodel it for them.

"Err, Sasha-san. What are you thinking about now? Your face is scary." (Finn)

"Don't worry about it. I don't know who has cursed you for what. Do you not happen to know?" (Akane)

"Uu, I don't. I haven't done something like pray for the misfortune of someone." (Finn) Hmm, there wasn't any disorder in her mind, so it seemed to be the truth.

"Well, who it would be is of no concern to me. For the time being,

let's think about your curse after I deliver the Galum thieves group to the guild.” (Akane)

“Yes. By the way, what's wrong with Galum? Because he was making noises from nightmares some time ago.” (Finn)¹

“Well, perhaps, the people he has killed so far may be appearing in his dream.” (Akane) It was because I had chanted the black arts 『Nightmare』. In our world, nightmares were bad dreams shown to people, but it was different here. Inserting real grudges inside of people's souls, it was the black arts killing the mind of the other party. It seemed Galum had killed a considerable number of people. Although Finn wasn't aware of it, there were a considerable amount of grudges which were following Galum. Revengeful ghosts, don't kill him no matter what happens!

—After we arrived at the entrance to the royal capital, we reported the affairs of so far to the guards.

“What, they are that Galum Gang? Because no one knows their true faces, it'd be better to have the receptionist, Karen-san, appraise them.” (Guard)

“There is no hideout itself, as everyone disguised themselves with this magic tool, and it seems they have invaded the royal capital as normal.” (Akane)

“Eh, such a magic tool! I understand, as it is an urgent matter, by all means please go through.” (Guard)

“Yes, thank you very much.” (Akane)

The Galum thieves group were famous. Let's go to the adventurer's guild quickly.

After we arrived at the guild, I was seriously surprised thereupon explaining the details to Karen-san, the receptionist.

“Sasha, is that true! This person, I will try to ‘Person Appraisal’ him immediately. ———I have no doubts he is Galum, the Galum Gang's boss. I'll report it to the guild head. Wait just a minute.” (Karen)

“Hey, Finn, I wonder if I've done something outrageous?” (Akane)

“What are you talking about, Sasha-san! Galum is a madman who has quite a high place on the blacklist. With these eyes, I have seen

numerous adventures killed by Galum. Sasha-san, it's an earth-shattering thing because you stunned that person in an instant!" (Finn)

"Th-, thank you for emphasizing." (Akane)

No way, he was famous to that extent, huh.

"Sasha, there's an invitation from the guild head. Go up to the 2nd floor." (Karen)

"I want to request you to disassemble the 3 orcs before that. Because I want to make use of their meat, I'll take it."

(Akane)

"Ah, that's right, I completely forgot." (Karen)

Handing the orcs to the disassembly person, I grabbed Galum as is, and ascended to the 2nd floor.

This was my first time encountering the guild head. What kind of person would he be?

When we entered the room, there was an uncle with an appearance in his 40's. Why were you releasing 'Overpower'?

"Hahaha, this fellow is surprising. You retained your composure with my 'Overpower'." (???)

"G-g-guild head, please solve your 'Overpower' quickly. The after-effects are hitting me." (Finn) Aah, he was trying it to see if I truly defeated Galum.

"Sorry, I was testing whether or not you had the strength to defeat Galum. I am called Claude Eol." (???-> Claude)

"How do you do, I am called Sasha." (Akane)

For the time being, I spoke about my first request to subjugate the orcs until the battle with the Galum thieves group.

"Hey hey, you killed his colleagues while Galum was speaking!" (Claude)

"Yes, or perhaps I should say, that guy was an idiot. This person was negligent in spite of trying to kill me immediately, and he tried to

“speak ordinarily. I killed his 4 colleagues during that, and stunned Galum instantly.” (Akane)

“And his 4 colleagues?” (Claude)

“They are inside of ‘Item Box’. Shall I take them out?” (Akane)

“You can also use ‘Item Box’! Aah, please do.” (Claude)

The ‘Item Box’ Claude said was space magic. In the space produced by my magical power, because time was suspended inside of the space, food doesn’t rot. The number of items that were able to be stored was supposed to be dependant upon your own magical power.

I wonder if my ‘Item Box’ was a little different. Well, let’s take them out normally since it isn’t known. Beside Galum who had fainted, I took out his 4 colleagues.

“And, this is the magic tool of disguise. It looks to me like they openly invaded and lodged normally.” (Akane) When he heard that, Claude-san frowned.

“These guys, how did they get a magic tool of that extent?” (Claude)

“Well, I have no doubt there was a fellow who handed it over to the Galum Gang.” (Akane)

Claude-san pondered for a bit, and turned his face towards Finn.

“You were called Finn. As it was a result of the slave merchants, you’ll be released. This is the letter.” (Claude) Saying thus, he gave Finn a letter.

“Thank you very much. After I’m released, I will receive training from Sasha-san.” (Finn)

“Ah, is that so. Still, don’t overdo it. When you become strong, it would be okay to return to the Rhedenburg Kingdom.”

(Claude)

“Yes!” (Finn)

And, after turning towards my direction again, his facial expression became serious.

“Sasha, thanks for annihilating the gang this time. I’ll take charge of

Galum and others from here. Let's also hand them over to the Chivalric Order. Of course, you'll be given the prize money afterwards, and the money and items themselves are yours because you subjugated them all. It's okay to hold an auction, and it doesn't matter even if you equip them yourself. What will you do?" (Claude)

Ah, he would be handed over to the Chivalric Order, good. But, let's continue disguising as is. Since I don't know where we will meet. Also, the items. Galum and others had a Magic Bag (large). Afterwards, let's inspect it.

"I'll return to my room and try to inspect them. The things I don't need, they'll be auctioned of course." (Akane)

"I understand. First of all, this is the reward of your first job, 12 silver coins. You will lose the orc's disassembly fee. It's no problem to pay Galum and the others' prize money tomorrow, right?" (Claude)

"Yes, it's no problem. I will take the meat which was disassembled then. I also will verify the items before tomorrow morning." (Akane)

"Aah, please do so. I will also rely on you after this. Oh, yes, you'll become a C-class before long." (Claude) Something like that, it was too quick!

"Eh, already!? I only registered yesterday." (Akane)

"Seeing that you subjugated the Galum Gang, originally it wouldn't be a problem even if it was A, but have patience as there are regulations for above C." (Claude)

"No, C is plenty. Well then, please excuse us. Finn, let's go." (Akane)

"Yes." (Finn)

Saying I would come again about noon tomorrow to Claude-san and Karen-san, I returned to the Possible Roof at once.

Oh, yes, before I forgot, I cancelled the 『Nightmare』 which was applied on Galum.

Chapter 13 – S-Class Undead Lich King

As the report to the guild had ended, I came back to the Possible Roof at once. As I removed my hood, Kyle turned up at just the right timing.

“Sasha-san, welcome home. How did your first request go?” (Kyle)

“Kyle, I’m home. Of course I succeeded. Although there also was a somewhat unexpected incident, I dealt with it without problems.” (Akane)

“An unexpected incident? Well, it’s best you are safe. And that girl behind you?” (Kyle)

“This child is called Finn. She’s my disciple.” (Akane)

“Ah, I am glad to meet you, I’m called Finn.” (Finn)

“—Ah, I’m called Kyle.” (Kyle)

For some reason, he stammered. Perhaps—! Well, I had better not say. Try your best, Kyle.

“Kyle, could you change my room into a 2 person room?” (Akane)

“Ah, sorry. The matter of the fried chicken has spread more than I expected and we have no vacancies. For the next while, I think the no vacancies will go on.” (Kyle)

Ahh, the thing that was spreading in the adventurer’s guild.

“In that situation, it can’t be helped. There’s no problem for Finn to also stay in my current room, right?” (Akane)

“Yes, it’s alright. It’s no problem if you pay the additional fee.” (Kyle)
Although it became a little confined, I paid the additional fees and entered my room.

“Well, Finn, with your current status, you’re frankly unreliable.” (Akane)

“Uu, I’m sorry. I’m a burden, huh.” (Finn)

Yep, it was truly dangerous as it was. There was even the possibility she would die from just being dragged into a fight.

Therefore, let’s release you from the curse before your released from slavery.

“Therefore, before your released from slavery, let’s release you from the curse.” (Akane)

“Eh, eh, eh? Fue~~, Sasha-san. What are you saying suddenly! You aren’t able to simply do such a thing!” (Finn) Well, it was like that normally. But, in my case, I was able to do it.

“I’m saying it because I’m able to do it. First of all, this curse is different for the performer and person who invoked it.

From the results of appraisal, although I don’t know the person who invoked it, I know the contents and the curse’s performer. If I know the performer, it’s simple. I’ll summon that guy, and it’s okay if ask him.” (Akane)

“Summoning it, there’s no way! Err, is it really possible?” (Finn)

“Yes, it’s possible. Since it will be just a little noisy, after we eat lunch, let’s go to the forest which is in the outskirts of the royal capital.” (Akane)

“——Yes, I understand.” (Finn)

——This place was inside of the forest. Finn hadn’t spoken even a single word from some time ago. It seemed she knew the matter of releasing the curse was serious.

Before I released the curse, I applied the black arts 『Distortion Field』, the space magic 『Silent』, and the holy magic 『

Creature Leave』 in a 20m radius.

『Creature Leave』, simply put, would make evil tribes not come near in the designated range.

『Silent』, it sealed magical powers if used on a person, and magical power, evil power, and sound wouldn't be emitted if it was used on a limited space.

『Distortion Field』, it was my original black art which distorted every attack of the opponent I designated and took them to a different space (in this case, my mental world).¹ All attacks which went to the different space were reduced into evil power. As a digression, although I knew it from repeatedly training, I discovered the superior attributes space-time and nihility.

“In this place, I'll perform the curse release ceremony. Because I don't want to cause an uproar, I used a few magics in the vicinity, so the noise and evil power won't leak outside. Anyway, an evil tribe took part in your curse.” (Akane)

“As I thought, it was an evil tribe. During that, you said it was summoned, and I realized it for some reason or another.”

(Finn)

“Indeed, to go as far as reaching out their hand to an evil tribe, I wonder if Finn was a hindrance. Perhaps, it was related to Finn's unique skill or title. The contents of your curse are a weakened status, and a part of your title, unique skill, and skills were sealed. Now, the name of that evil tribe——Lich.” (Akane)

“Fue~~~, an evil tribe like that, why was I involved with that S-class Lich?” (Finn) That was the problem. Perhaps——

“Probably, they used the banned technique of darkness magic 『Sacrifice』, and summoned the Lich.” (Akane) With summoning magic, you summoned an evil tribe, and by making the demon your subordinate, you were able to apply curses to a designated other party. However, naturally, there also was danger. Although there was no problem if your magical power exceeded the evil power of the evil tribe that was summoned, in the situation it was less than, there was the danger of it killing you on the spot. To avoid that danger, there was the banned technique of darkness magic 『Sacrifice』.

By sacrificing scapegoats to the evil tribe, although temporary, it was

listed in the royal palace's literature books that you were able to order it.

"A banned technique! Sa-sacrifice! Going as far as using such a dangerous magic, did they apply a curse on me! For what sort of thing?" (Finn)

"It's fine if you ask the Lich which I'm summoning after this that. While I'm at it, let's make it my subordinate demon."

(Akane)

"Eh~~? A subordinate demon! You aren't able to do it. The opponent is an S-class." (Finn) Heehh, as I thought, her reaction was interesting.

"Finn, step back. I'm doing it now." (Akane)

"Is there no use in arguing about it! U-un, understood." (Finn)

Finn, you had become a splendid retort service.

Using my evil power, I summoned the Lich.

Saying it clearly, the way to use magical power and evil power were identical. Even the power of the foundation, evil tribes call it evil power and the races with the exception of that called it magical power, but they use the same power.

However, although magical power was a pure power which was inside of your body, the only difference was evil power contained the power of grudge. It was even theoretically possible for the other races to use the black arts if they included grudge. This was my point of view from reading numerous books and from piling up training in my mental world.

The instant the magic square activated, 'Overpower' tried to surge into the space we were in, but it instantly vanished and converted into my evil power. Hmm, it was a battle situation there. In that case, I would apply 'Overpower' from here this time. Look look, an idea, I would raise it steadily. Looking at Finn, her mouth was wide open. The girl was shameful.

"Fue~~~! Wh-what is that power! I really didn't feel anything on the way. If I thought that when I felt the preposterous evil power from inside the magic square, when the power released from my master toppled that, *uwah*——, I somehow don't understaaand!" (Finn)

Heehh, thank you for the excellent reaction.

“Finn, because it will be even more difficult for things which happen after this, I recommend not thinking about anything.

Burn the full particulars from now into your memory with your eyes.”
(Akane)

“Yes, I understand, Master!” (Finn)

“Lich, show up reasonably. Otherwise, I will raise my ‘Overpower’ rapidly, which will finally crush you, and you’ll become a petite lich.”
(Akane)

“W-, wait! I understand, I will go there, so release your ‘Overpower’! I’m at my limit already!” (Lich) Why were you already at your limit. I thought you were S-class!

At last, you showed up.

Ohhh, as might be expected from an S-class, there was quite an intimidating air. Its entire body was a skeleton’s, there was a bluish-white high-class feeling drifting in the air wrapped around his body, numerous rings were on both of his hands, he wore a coat, there was a cane in his right hand, and he was wearing a wonderful crown on his head. However, this lich——he was clearly frightened to see me. A rude fellow.

“——this presence! However, ——no, it’s rude, you summoned me.” (Lich)

“Yes, I’m Sasha. Be relieved, since I don’t feel like subjugating you. However, there was something I wanted to hear just a little, so I summoned you. Later, I want to make a subordinate demon contract while I’m at it.” (Akane)

“Main is to hear a story, and next is the subordinate demon. I wonder if it’s okay for this one to also enquire?” (Lich)²

Surprisingly, the Lich was awkward. With my ‘Overpower’ of some time ago, it seemed he understood he was completely inferior to me. It’s good this fellow understood.

“It’s fine, what is it?” (Akane)

“Who are you? With that evil power, you wouldn’t be an ordinary

person.” (Lich)

“Oh, well, telling that story would become lengthy. Saying it straightforwardly, I am a searcher who is searching for the truth of this world. I want to profoundly know more about the goddess, the evil god, and the Evil King.” (Akane)

“Not just Evil King-sama, but you even know about Evil God-sama!” (Lich)

Let’s not talk about what I ate.

“Yes, I have met the evil god. Can I get you to understand with this?” (Akane)

“Yes, that evil power, and because you even know evil god-sama, I will obey you.” (Lich) Ah, the subordinate demon contract was established. Somehow, it was not enough. Because with the exception of me, this would have been indicated on my status as well.

“Well then, the next thing. Lich, there was a curse applied to Finn who is next to me.” (Akane)

“Yes, it was a little troublesome as there was the divine protection of the divine beasts, but I personally applied a powerful curse to this person. Shall I release it?” (Lich)

The divine protection of the divine beasts? Was it a title? Well, it was fine now.

“Wait. Before you release it, inform me of who and for what they ordered you.” (Akane)

“Yes, the one who ordered me was Sophia Allenthal of the Rhedenburg Kingdom. The reason was for the sake of disposing the engagement of Leon Alteheim, the 2nd prince of the Alteheim Kingdom which is a neighboring country.

However, that fellow was manipulated by an evil tribe. Perhaps, it was used for her love towards Leon.” (Lich) Looking at Finn, she was awfully dismayed.

“S-, so-, Sophia-sama was such a criminal. My circumstances——” (Finn)

I see, with her current status being manipulated by an evil tribe, she

used 『Sacrifice』, and gave Finn the curse. Probably, the person herself didn't notice. Even so, with Sophia's deed, it's true a considerable amount of beastmen became sacrifices.

Well, what curse would I give to Sophia Allenthal?

And, what about Leon Alteheim?

Chapter 14 – A Conspiracy and the Evil Tribe's Goal

The Alteheim Kingdom, another country the beastmen had built, was in an alliance with Rhedenburg. According to books, they were originally one big country, but 500 years ago, the evil tribe manipulated the relationship of the beastmen behind the scenes and tore it apart. The countries were produced because of that. Even with knowing the cause, their relationship grew worse at the point in time it was known. Cross-national wars were frequent at the time the nation was founded, and because of the great efforts of the hero and others in those days, they executed a peace treaty which repaired their relationship. As the country itself was exceedingly big from the start, the influence of the king himself didn't reach all of the territories. Although the reason was them being attacked by the evil family then, as it was divided into 2, the strong points and weak points of each other became clear, and it turned into a relationship where they mutually compensate for that now.

“Finn, calm down. I didn't hear the Lich's words. Sophia was manipulated by an evil tribe. Probably, that child herself hasn't realized she invoked a curse on Finn. Everything, it's because the evil tribes are evil. Perhaps, I think the goal was to deprive you of the titles and unique skills you possess.” (Akane)

“——Ah, yes, it wasn't Sophia's intention, right?” (Finn)

“Oh well, it shouldn't be of her own volition. But, they possibly used latent thoughts for the things she thought in her own mind.” (Akane)

“Such a thing! But, Sophia-sama had self-restraint, and she always came into contact with me like this. ——I cannot allow her evil!” (Finn)

She appeared to have calmed down.

“Sophia Allenthal was manipulated by an evil tribe, and it seems that she requested the Galum Gang to kidnap you.”

(Akane)

“——Yes, I think’s that’s right. Sophia-sama is 14 years old, the same age as Leon-sama, and is a truly gentle person. I got to know her in the academy, and I remember it was enjoyable to talk to Leon-sama and for the 3 of us to study. Even after my strange status was induced, like Leon-sama, she was very worried.” (Finn) I see, her true nature seemed to be that of a good child. As they continued to talk together, she began to hold love towards Leon. And then, that was used by the evil tribe.

“Lich, is Sophia alive still?” (Akane)

“Yes, she’s in good health. I was observing her often, and currently, she hasn’t even noticed the matter of her being manipulated by an evil tribe. However, I think it is a matter of time before she notices. Because she appears to be having nightmares in her dreams.” (Lich)

Inopportune! If she noticed it, she’ll be unable to bear the weight of her sins and commit suicide. If it comes to that,

“Lich, after releasing Finn’s curse, please apply the same, no, a curse even greater than that to Sophia. If your power isn’t enough, use my power. As for the contents of the curse, fix all of her attribute values to 50, deprive her of all her skills and unique skills she currently possesses, and then add 【Mental Resistance Skill MAX】 to her skills and ‘Unable to Suicide’ to her titles. The interval the curse will be invoked is 5 years.” (Akane)

“Yes, if I borrow from Sasha-sama’s power, it won’t even be difficult.” (Lich)

“Fue~~! All attribute values at 50, and deprivation of all her skills! Please wait just a moment. Sophia-sama was manipulated by an evil tribe. Isn’t all of that too much?” (Finn)

“What naive things you’re saying. If you hadn’t met me, you would have died without fail. Besides, with the banned technique of darkness magic 『Sacrifice』, there were probably about 100 beastmen that became sacrifices for the sake of commanding the Lich.” (Akane)

“One hundred beastmen! Because there were sacrifices like that, I thought the same evil tribe was used. She even sacrificed 100 unrelated beastmen!?” (Finn)

Befitting of her, she was astonished, but that was natural.

“With a different race than the evil tribe being sacrificed, the effectiveness raised. When your status became strange, didn’t something happen in the surroundings?” (Akane)

Finn pondered for a while, but it looked like there was something that came to mind. Her face suddenly turned pale.

“—Th-, th-, there was. In the slums, a number of people close to one hundred combined of adults and children went unaccounted for. The chivalric order pursued their whereabouts, but they didn’t discover them in the end.” (Finn)

“That, huh? Because 『Sacrifice』 sacrifices both body and mind, their bodies completely vanished.” (Akane)

“Such a thing!” (Finn)

“Although she was manipulated, Sophia killed those many beastmen. The events of Finn and the unaccounted for slums, she did all of those herself, and sooner or later, the person herself will also notice. The signs, they are beginning to appear already. If she notices, she will be unable to bear the weight of her sins and will, without fail, commit suicide. The curse was applied to prohibit her from doing so.” (Akane)

“But, but,” (Finn)

“Have peace of mind. So that Sophia herself doesn’t become strange mentally, she was bestowed with 【Mental Resistance Level MAX】.” (Akane)

“But the curse, is it possible to do?” (Finn)

“It’s possible, however, suitable power is necessary. It should be alright if she is given this curse. Well then, Lich, after releasing Finn’s curse, give the curse from some time ago to Sophia. My evil power, I wonder if it’s fine with this much.”

(Akane)

“I won’t use too much. Approximately 1/3 will be left over.” (Lich)

“If there is surplus, your tool, well, put it into the jewel of that cane. It’s sure to strengthen it considerably. Your offensive ability will also rise, but, I wonder, can it compensate for your weak points.” (Akane)

“It’s okay? Thank you very much. I’m greatly saved. Well then, Finn,

come here.” (Lich)

“Fue! Ah, yes.” (Finn)

With this, Finn’s curse was released.

“I have a request for after. If Leon and Sophia enquire something, give them an honest answer. Next time, because there is something I want to ask about the evil god, you’ll be summoned before long.” (Akane)

“Yes! Certainly. Well then, excuse me.” (Lich)

The Lich’s presence vanished. It’s good he was a nice fellow who understood. Since it wanted to avoid futile conflicts.

Oh, I wonder if Finn was tense, she fell asleep as is. As it was, let’s go to the slave trader’s place and release her from slavery.

Releasing her from slavery and releasing her from the curse, they all ended without problems. However, my money also disappeared. Well, if I went to the adventurer’s guild tomorrow, I wonder if I would feel relieved because I could receive the prize money. Ah, did Finn also wake up?

“I wonder, did you slept well?” (Akane)

“Ah, Master, I had a strange dream. There was a curse covering me, Sophia-sama was the preformer, and Master released me from the curse.” (Finn)

She was half asleep.

“Finn, all of that is true. Incidentally, you were also released from slavery.” (Akane) Ah, this was coming. Let’s do 『Silent』 .

“——eh, eh, eh~~~~!? Everything is true? Status, appear.” (Finn)

I also confirmed Finn’s status.

Name: Finn Rhedenburg

Race: Beastman, Rhedenburg Kingdom’s Third Princess

Age: 12

Level: 1

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 35 → 473

Defense: 30 → 326

Agility: 45 → 638

Luck: 13 → 20

Magical Power: 10 → 210

Skills:

Flash 3

Martial Arts 3

Claw Technique 1

Magical Power Circulation 1

Magical Power Manipulation 1

Lightning Magic 1

Unique Skills: Divine Beastification (All basic attribute values are multiplied by 10 with a time limit of 10 minutes by becoming Fenrir)

Title: Divine Protection of the Divine Beast Fenrir (Correction within all attribute values) No way~~~! Finn wasn't strong. At 12 years old, what was with this strength! Ah, was it thanks to this title? Her unique skill was also strong. Regarding the evil tribe, it felt these 2 were threats, huh.

Finn also had opened her mouth widely.

“Master, is this really me? My basic attribute values have risen considerably more than even before I received the curse.”

(Finn)

“Probably, after you received the curse, I guess you piled up a lot of training, huh. It's no good, you've completely deviated from the level 1 of a 12 year old.” (Akane)

“But, I'm happy. At last, at last I was released from slavery and the

curse. Master, thank you very much. Ah, I wonder if Sophia-san is okay?" (Finn)

Fufu, it was good you were delighted. At any rate, she'd come here and she was worrying about Sophia?¹

"It's alright. If they enquire the Lich, he said he would answer honestly to everything. They will also know that Finn is alive. I dare say, that should become her salvation." (Akane)

From now on, evil tribes would aim at us. Of course, I would get rid of every one of them.

"Well, it'll be time for dinner before long. Let's eat a lot." (Akane)

"*Uu, uu, sniff*, yes!" (Finn)

When I disembarked to the first floor, Lein-san was there.

"Sasha, I heard it. You caught the Galum Gang. Isn't that a glorious achievement!" (Lein) All adventurers: ""What~~!? Such a cute young woman~~""

"Ah, yes, it seemed I was going to become a slave so I had to do it." (Akane)

"You see, throw out your chest with pride more. The Galum Gang was in the B-class blacklist, and it's said they were elusive." (Lein)

Everyone was shocked at the fact I caught them. Those guys, they were strong to that extent?

"Although the guild head also said that, that feeling still hasn't appeared." (Akane)

"Well, that's understandable. Without warning, you caught such an important person. Is the child next to you a slave?"

(Lein)

"Yes, she's already been released from slavery. After this, she'll travel with me as my disciple." (Akane)

"Ah, how do you do, I am called Finn. After this, with Sasha-san as my master, I think I want to go become rapidly stronger. Please treat me well." (Finn)

“Yup yup, you’re a nice and aborable child. I’m Lein, best regards.”
(Lein) The other adventurers as well, they appeared to greet her and receive a handshake.

“Ah, because I can receive the prize money tomorrow, while congratulating Finn’s release from slavery, why don’t we have a party here? Of course, I will pay for it all. At the same time then, I’ll reveal my new cuisine.” (Akane) Everyone on the first floor

“””Alright~~!!! It’ll be delicious even if it’s only that fried chicken! In addition, Sasha-san’s new home cooking~~”””

Eeh, it was a great shout. They wanted it that badly?

“Gale-san, how about it?” (Akane)

“I don’t mind! It’s warmly welcomed if our dishes are increased.”
(Gale)

Thus, tomorrow evening, there was a party.

It was also Finn’s celebration, but it was nice once in a while, huh.

Chapter 15 – Prize money and the contents of the magic bag

The next morning, after eating breakfast, I took out the magic bag.

“Master, are you sorting the Galum Gang’s bag?” (Finn)

“Yes, I have to do it during the morning.” (Akane)

“They had a large quantity of both materials and money. I know because I put it in myself.” (Finn) Eh, there was such a large quantity? Hmm, I wonder what I should do.

That’s it! By putting everything into my item box, it should be indicated in my status. In that case, I could save time.¹

“Let’s put in everything in the magic bag into my item box if that’s the case. With it being indicated in my status, it’s okay if organize it in there.” (Akane)

“Eh, is such a thing possible?” (Finn)

“Well, I’ll know if I try to do it?” (Akane)

My because my item box was a mental world, I should be able to do it simply if it was classified like that. Besides, it should function if it was displaying tools since the status itself was also connected to me. Putting the magic bag into the item box, it was sorted and displayed in my status.

“Alright, a success!” (Akane)

“Fue~, you were really able to do it!? You have everything, Master.” (Finn) Somehow, I had a hunch she was strangely amazed, but, well, it was fine.

From the money first. Let’s see,

Star Gold Coins: 10 (Equivalent to 1 million yen per piece)

Platinum Coins: 38 (Equivalent to 100 thousand yen per piece)

Gold Coins: 123 (Equivalent to 10 thousand yen per piece)

Silver Coins: 534 (Equivalent to 1 thousand yen per piece)

Copper Coins: 876 (Equivalent to 100 yen per piece)

These guys, just what were they stealing? I wonder, was it okay to use this? Somehow, it was difficult to use.

Let’s inform Finn.

“Finn, the money was displayed. Simply put, it’s close to 1,500 gold coins.” (Akane)

“I-, i-, it was so much!?” (Finn)

“That’s surprising, I’d thought you would raise your voice more.” (Akane)

“I came across Master, and since there were various things before now, I wasn’t surprised so much.” (Finn) Come to think of it, she raised a large voice every time there was something.

“Well then, next are the materials. There are too much metal, gems, and various things. For now, let’s try to look from the weapons. Finn, please make a memo.” (Akane)

What appeared was,

Magic Swords × 5

Adamantine-made Spears × 2, Swords × 3

Mithril-made Swords × 5

Steel-made Swords × 10

Iron Claws × 4

I wonder if the weapons were this much. After this, too, there was a considerable amount of armor, metals, and jewels among other things. These guys, they didn't turn it into money?

“Finn, they didn't turn it into money?” (Akane)

“It seemed it was no good as it wasn't a place they were able to trust, so they hadn't turned it into money here recently.”

(Finn)

“Well, it's fine I guess. These adamantine swords and mithril swords can be used. Let's each carry 2 apiece. Finn, carry 2

of these iron claws.” (Akane)

“Is it okay? Thank you very much.” (Finn)

Was the rest metal? The 3 that could be used were the orichalcum, the adamantine, and the mithril. The orichalcum for my sword, the adamantine was reserved, and the mithril was for Finn's personal use claws. I wouldn't need it later. The jewels were also a pass because I didn't need them. The armor was a pass as well because of its size. Was it such a point?

“Alright, I was able to organize it. Finn, if you become a bit more stronger, I'll make it into mithril claws from your iron claws. That one is also good for magical power transmission. For now, improve your foundation with the iron claws.”

(Akane)

“Yes, thank you very much. Will Master's weapon become a mithril or adamantine sword? Aren't you using a magic sword?” (Finn)

“Aah, those are spares. Even my sword of now, because they are worn-out. Probably, neither the adamantine nor mithril will be used for a

long time. Besides, the magic sword isn't necessary. If I think I will kill someone, I am able to do the same thing easily with a mithril sword or something like that. As for handing it over to the adventurer people, the magic sword would also be a long-cherished item. One of the magical swords has the storm attribute, so I'll give it to Lein-san.

If it's that person, she'll master this magic sword perfectly. My favorite is the orichalcum. I'll search for a blacksmith and get them to make a sword for my personal use." (Akane)

"Orichalcum!? Moreover, adamantine is stronger than mithril and is very durable. Someone who is able to easily do the same things as a magic sword, I think it's just Master." (Finn)

Thank you for the nice retort.

"Although you're saying that, it doesn't particularly mean that I am absurdly powerful. I cannot withstand my magical power for very long." (Akane)

"Ah, I see." (Finn)

I absolutely thought I was absurdly powerful.

"Err, Master, is it fine if there's something I want to ask?" (Finn)

"What's the matter all of a sudden?" (Akane)

"Master, who the heck are you? There isn't a race which can handle both evil power and magical power." (Finn)

"Oh, you finally questioned it? Oh well, I still can't answer that now. If I'm forced to say something, I'm a searcher who is searching for the truth of this world. I'll inform you eventually. However, I will only say this. I absolutely won't betray Finn." (Akane)

Even if I spoke about it at this phase, she wouldn't be able to understand. Later, I wonder if it would be credible. Whether or not she even understood with that, Finn didn't pursue it. Now, it would be fine with this situation.

Well, my money had drastically increased. With this, it was also safe to say I was lengthening my lodging to Kyle. Having eaten a little wonderful lunch, let's take Finn and go to the guild!

Just as we arrived at the guild, I was showered with attention from

everyone. Was the Galum Gang thing amazing to that extent? Karen-san was there when I went to the receptionist desk.

“I was waiting for you, Sasha. Come to the guild head’s room.”
(Karen)

“Karen-san, can you inform me if Lein-san comes? There’s something I want to give her.” (Sasha)

“I understand.” (Karen)

When I entered the room, Claude-san greeted me with a smiling face.

“Sasha, you come often. It’s prompt, but this prize money, it’s 200 gold coins.” (Claude)

“Eh, is it fine for me to receive so much?” (Akane)

“It’s natural. Galum was the boss of the Galum Gang, but the second he woke up, he spoke the full particulars of the things so far. It was a let-down with him speaking clearly. Since he confessed everything before he was tortured. And, he was frightened by something. Sasha, did you do something?” (Claude)

The after-effects of nightmare, huh.

“No, I didn’t do anything. However, because there were vengeful ghosts following Galum about in his surroundings, I gave just a little power to the vengeful ghosts.” (Akane)

“Hey hey, don’t do something dangerous. Well, it’s fine, it saved us the effort. The matter of the Galum Gang kidnapping Rhedenburg’s 3rd princess, we discovered the client was Sophia Allenthal. And that 3rd princess, it was proved by

Karen’s appraisal that it is Finn. To tell you the truth, approximately half a year ago, the matter of the kidnapping and the status abnormality of Princess Finn from the Rhedenburg Kingdom arrived here, and with the possibility there was an evil tribe that took part in it, there was a search request and that alert. The report to the king was taken care of. Probably, I think the Chivalric Order will come to take charge of Finn.” (Claude)

I see, the Rhedenburg Kingdom put out a request. But, she wasn’t found at all because of the magic tool of disguise.

“In relation to Finn’s status abnormality, I solved it. The result, I discovered an evil tribe was greatly involved behind the scenes of this incident.” (Akane)

“What, when Karen looked yesterday, the status abnormality wasn’t fixed.” (Claude)

“I fixed it after that. Now, it’s fine even with me speaking about the detailed facts here, but it would be better to do it when the Chivalric Order comes.” (Akane)

The result was Karen-san came and re-appraised her, and because her status abnormality was completely fixed, both of them were seriously surprised.

“No way, it’s really fixed. There is the divine protection of the divine beasts in her title. Without mistake, it was fixed.”

(Karen)

“Seriously? Despite not even a single magician understanding the cure method and the cause of the status abnormality in the Rhedenburg Kingdom, Sasha solved that in merely one day, —I can’t believe it. Sasha, how did you solve it?”

(Claude)

“That, I will speak of it in detail after the people of the Chivalric Order come. First of all, as for what I can say now, about Finn, I’ll be taking care of her. If she lives carefree at the royal palace, it’s very likely she’ll be killed. This time, Sophia Allenthal requested it, but there is no mistake that she was guided by an evil tribe from behind the scenes. I’ll escort Finn home.” (Akane)

“I don’t know where the evil tribe is hiding. Rather than untactfully living in the royal palace, it’s relieving to entrust her to Sasha. However, I don’t know whether or not the king will consent to that.” (Claude)

“Then, it’s fine if the king personally puts out a request. If I become an A-class adventurer or something quickly, I think he will agree.” (Akane)

“Hey hey, becoming A-class? In Sasha’s case, it’s okay even if it’s S-class. The presence that I feel from you, it’s something rivaling an S-class. Complete some kind of big request once. In that case, perhaps

you possibly could rise to A-class.” (Claude)

In spite of suppressing my presence considerably, it was still S-class. Was I still not able to completely control it? Hmm, I had to be careful.

“I understand.” (Akane)

“About Finn’s matter, let’s wait for the Chivalric Order to come. Tomorrow, because they are supposed to come, give me the detailed account at that time. By the way, have you decided what you would do with the items?” (Claude)

“Yes, I’m taking some, and the leftover will be sold. This is the list.” (Akane)

“Whether or not you’re selling like this, or whether or not such things as the jewels are okay, there’s a lot. Moreover, there’s also 4 magic swords!?” (Claude)

They weren’t needed. I also didn’t have interest in the jewels, but I didn’t want to wear stolen things.

“Yes, I won’t hold it all. Instead, I have a request; can you do the procedures to sell them? Honestly, it’s bothersome.”

(Akane)

“Aah, I don’t mind. Since there is an auction 7 days later, it would be fine if you come after it finishes. However, the auction this time will be rough.” (Claude)

“Thank you very much. In relation to the magic swords, it’ll be okay if I let the adventurers buy them. Also, I’m interested about the goddess and the evil tribes, so what places can I go for detailed information?” (Akane)

“The best are the royal palace’s reference room or the library. If it comes to other than this place, there’s Sphereart which is in the south? Since over there has the Headquarters of Sphere which worships the goddess Sphere. It will take about 4

days by carriage.” (Claude)

Even here, the goddess Sphere? Should I try to ask various things since it’s long-awaited?

“It’s Sphere, huh. On that subject, is the only goddess Sphere?”

(Akane)

“Hahaha, the goddess is always one person, Sphere, don’t say strange things, Sasha. Anyway, try to go to the library as it’s better to study from history.” (Claude)

It wasn’t a lie. Then, who was the goddess Saria? And where was the goddess Sphere?

First of all, the history of this world, let’s study the thing called the creation of the world.

“Is that so. I’ll go to the library first and try to investigate various things.” (Akane) At that time, the sound of knocking at the door was heard.

“It’s fine to enter.” (Claude)

“Lein, what’s the matter?” (Akane)

“I heard Sasha had business with me. What’s your business?” (Lein)

With this, one of the magic swords can be given. Incidentally, I had restored the magic sword to as good as new in advance. The magic sword of the dungeon, I found out it was able to recover durability with the black arts.

“It is something the Galum Gang had, but I will give this to Lein-san.” (Akane) I handed over the magic sword which was concealed in the bag.

Lein took the bag, and when she confirmed the magic sword——

“Eh, t-, this is a magic sword? Moreover, it’s quite powerful.” (Lein)

“Yes, it’s a magic sword with storm magic inserted. I thought it was perfect for Lein-san, so please use it.” (Akane)

“Is it okay!? If you sold it, it is something worth 5 star gold coins!” (Lein) Claude-san was also terribly astonished by this.

“Hey hey, Sasha, don’t do drastic things.” (Claude)

“Magic swords, when used by excellent adventurers, show power. If it is Lein-san, I think she will draw out the power of this magic sword.” (Akane)

“Certainly, this magic sword, it’s unusually fitting. It’s something close to what I was wanting. Is a high-price thing like this fine?” (Lein)

“Yes, please take it.” (Akane)

“I understand, Sasha, thank you. I will use it seriously.” (Lein)

Lein-san said an expression of gratitude, and left from the room.

“Geez, I’m really surprised. Oh, yes! Sasha, congratulations on rising to C-class.” (Claude)

“C-class! Although I heard it, it’s too soon, no?” (Akane)

“It’s fine with it being too soon. Sasha’s power has deviated from D-class completely. With it as it is, it would become a bother. As I said some time ago, if you finish a big request, you’re should probably become A-class.” (Claude)

“I understand. Later, also register Finn as an adventurer, please.” (Akane)

“Understood.” (Claude)

As Finn did the registration for adventurers, it resulted in her doing a mock battle, and Finn became the E-class start.

Considering her age, she appeared to be extremely exceptional.

Leaving the guild after she registered, we purchased things for the evening, and returned to the Possible Roof.

And then, the evening’s party began.

The party, it was a war if said in a single word. Even with making and making the dishes, they disappeared immediately.

Everyone was eating too quickly. I should have made quite a lot, though.

In the end, it was the middle of the night when I ate my meal.

Chapter 16 – Finn Rhedenburg

I was called Finn Rhedenburg. Currently, there was a commemoration party for my release from slavery being conducted, and there were

highly-praised meals throughout it. Everyone participating, including me and Lein-san, were eating Master's home cooking. No one was chatting, they were only eating. I'd imagine this wasn't a party. The cause was the cooking. Teacher's home cooking was too much of a delicacy. Croquettes, orc cutlet, orc fried with ginger, fried chicken, pomme soufflé¹, stir-fried rice balls, and so forth; cuisines that haven't even been seen appeared one after another, and each level was very high. With that reason, it became a struggle the instant they were made, as if it was a war.

“Alright~~, I had a croquette~~!”

“I had fried chicken~~”

“I, had orc cutlet~~”

With the delicious cuisines, everyone was smiling.

A day like this, I hadn't thought a day like a dream like this would come.

One year ago, I went to the royal family who were referred to as my father and mother. Thereupon, I was informed about my engagement to the 2nd prince of the Alteheim Kingdom, Leon-sama. Honestly, in my mind, being engaged to a man whose face I didn't even know was unpleasant. However, there was an alliance relation with the Alteheim Kingdom, and saying nothing of that there was the 'divine protection of the divine beasts' attached to me, there was no mistake that this alliance would become something more strong by carrying out the engagement. It was the so-called political marriage of convenience. I met Leon-sama for the first time the day before the engagement announcement party was held. He seemed to be 3 years older than me.

“Leon-sama, it's nice to meet you, I am called Finn Rhedenburg.”
(Finn)

“It is I who should say so, it's nice to meet you, I'm Leon Alteheim. I guess you were surprised when you heard about the engagement?”
(Leon)

My first impression: blonde hair, his demeanor was soft, and he seemed to be very gentle. According to the parts I've heard, it seemed his fencing ability was considerable.

“Fue, yes, I was honestly surprised. Even now, there’s a strange feeling.” (Finn)

“I was convinced when I could happen to encounter you today. My fiancée is good with you. You don’t mind even if I call you Finn?” (Leon)

“Yes, you also don’t mind me calling you Leon-sama?” (Finn)

“Yeah, it’s fine. I want you to call me Leo someday, okay?” (Leon)

“Eh, ah, yes.” (Finn)

Leon-sama was a strange person. While we spoke, even I knew my body’s tension was loosening. I met many people at the party, and I think that Sophia-sama was also among those. After the party, Leon-sama studied abroad in our school, and my interactions with Sophia-sama deepened from that time.

For the first 3 months, I remember it being very enjoyable. However, the tragedy began abruptly. My status became strange. The basic attribute values decreased drastically, and some of my skills, my unique skill, and my title disappeared.

In regards to this, numerous people, including me, father, mother, the magicians, Leon-sama, Sophia-sama, etc were confused. Recently, because of there being repeating occurrences of missing people incidents in the slums, it was ranked as having some sort of connection, but neither a way to restore it nor a cause was found no matter how much they investigated. I, believing it would absolutely return one day, continuously piled up training together with Sophia-sama and Leon-sama. However, even when 2 months passed, my attribute values didn’t rise at all. They remained like this.

Goddess-sama, have I done something wrong?

One day, I went out shopping alone by Leon-sama’s and Sophia-sama’s arrangement. Of course, there was an escort included. Even now, he was protecting me next to me. It was said a change of pace was needed once in a while. I was only causing the two people worry. I wanted to be released from the status abnormality with this unknown cause quickly. No matter what appraiser we got to appraise it, there weren’t any indications of a curse. Ah, that necklace, it’s cute. The instant I tried to go to that store, the escort collapsed. Even with shaking him, there was no response at all. At that time, a group of 5 men in the surroundings called out to me in concern, but I didn’t

remember anything from there. It had become night when I came to, and I was inside of a forest.

“Oh, you’ve come to? Brat, if I’m not mistaken, you’re called Finn. After kidnapping you, they said it was fine to love you. Congratulations, you are our, the Galum Gang’s, slave from now.” (Galum) Eh? The Galum Gang, the thief group which was on that higher order blacklist, kidnapped me! A slave! I hurriedly confirmed my chest. Whether there would be something or not, there was a slavery design imprinted. Such a thing, why?

“Who ordered you to do such a thing? I am the 3rd princess of the Rhedenburg Kingdom.” (Finn)

“Yeah, I know. We were asked to kidnap the 3rd princess. If it was done by us, it would be a simple thing. As for who requested us, isn’t it better if you try to investigate yourself one day? Well, it’s a story for if you live.” (Galum) Because of this day, I became the Galum Gang’s slave. My work contents were to make cuisines. Given that it was a messy thing at first, I was brutally abused, and whether or not I acquired the skill from each of the following days, I was able to make reasonably delicious cuisines. At this time, it was still pleasant. Thanks to the cooking skill, I was reasonably valuable. But, these people were the worst. I don’t know where they obtained it, but they became completely different people with the magic tool of disguise, and they attacked every race. The things they did weren’t different from the evil tribes. I wanted to go away from here quickly.

Four months have passed since then. The tragedy came suddenly. This day, we challenged a B-class dungeon. Whilst exploring the 16th floor, we came across a hidden room. In there, there was an extravagant box placed, and Caprice Box was written. The contents were the worst.

『All of you have good luck. This is a Caprice Box. If you execute the contents said from now, 5 people will be awarded with magic swords.』 (Caprice Box)

Order 1: Hand over the slave’s left arm.

Order 2: Inflict a burn on the slave’s face.

What were these contents! ?²

Was somebody watching this place? The number of people applicable was too much.

Moreover, I was the only slave.

The instant they saw the contents, the eye colors of the 5 people changed. No way——!

——The orders were executed. Since here, my memory until I came across Master was extremely vague. I guess it was because I didn't have willpower to live.

The encounter with Master was, in a single word, shocking. That Galum Gang, they were instant killed with the exception of Galum. Even Galum himself lost consciousness easily. I made up my mind and spoke.

“Please kill me.” (Finn)

I currently was injured with a brutal burn on my face, and I didn't have my left arm. It wasn't worth living. Thereupon, Master turned her right hand towards me in silence, and said a few words.

“Max Heal.” (Akane)

Eh, just now was recovery magic. Moreover, it was top-ranking. I confirmed my left arm in a panic. What? It was there.

My face burns were also completely recovered. Honestly, I couldn't believe it. After I thought it was fine to live, I realized my willpower to live was coming back. As a result of petitioning to be a disciple to Master, she hesitated for a little bit and gave a reply of understanding. ——And then, she saw my status. Master's appraisal was amazing. She clarified the status abnormality which was said to have an unknown cause no matter which appraiser it was until now in one shot. The cause, it seemed to be a strong curse by means of darkness magic.

After we returned to the inn, it was even more shocking. Teacher said she would release me from the curse. Was it something she'd be able to do simply like that? I heard quite strong magicians who could use holy magic were necessary to release a strong curse. In the middle of moving to the forest, I asked for the detailed contents. If we used the summoning of the S-class Undead Lich King who used sacrifices by means of the banned technique of darkness magic ⑦

Sacrifice ⑧, it seemed it was feasible to raise this status abnormality. Who on earth invoked the curse on me? When I asked Master, she said it was easier to ask the Lich itself. Eh, no way, did we come inside of this forest for that reason?

And then, she really summoned the Lich. Furthermore, she seized the Lich with just ‘Overpower’. She could use both evil power and magical power, Master, who in the world were you?

The contents the Lich spoke of, they were, in a few words, shocking to me. No way, Sophia-sama was the person who invoked the curse! Even if Sophia-sama also liked Leon-sama, why! She went as far as involving the people of the slums!

Although my mind was in disorder, thanks to Master’s cry in a thundering voice, I was able to regain my composure.

Sophia-sama was merely manipulated by an evil tribe, and it appeared even she herself didn’t notice she had something to do with my kidnapping and the missing people in the slums. But, the fact she actually sacrificed numerous beastmen didn’t change. What would be the best thing for me to do?

The thing Master said after this also shocked me. She said to invoke a curse which deprived Sophia-sama of all of her skills and also fixed all of her attribute values to 50. Whatever the circumstances may be, it was too harsh. On the contrary, she told me off when I tried to advise her. Somehow or other, it seemed it was a curse to keep Sophia-sama alive. Certainly, if she became aware of it, it wouldn’t be strange even if she became strange mentally. Master was amazing. How she dealt with it, I truly didn’t know.

I was called by the Lich, and it appeared I fainted after the curse was released. I was released from both the curse and slavery when I recovered consciousness. Honestly, it was like I was dreaming. And, looking at my status, my basic attribute values had risen even more than before I was cursed. The results of piling up training, they had become apparent now. How complicated.

The night of the very same day, I got to know an adventurer called Lein-san, and I ate something that was called fried chicken. Saying it clearly, it was too much of a delicacy. Lein-san was also in ecstasy.

“Hey, Sasha, this fried chicken is too much of a delicacy. Moreover, it extremely suits ale!” (Lein)

“Lein-san, please eat vegetables wherever practicable as well. In the case of women, if you overeat, you’ll become fat and acne will grow on your face.” (Akane)

That instant, the woman camp looked at Master all at once. Naturally,

me as well.

“Ma-, Master, is it true you’ll become fat?” (Finn)

“Have peace of mind. Us adventurers, because we exercise everyday, unless you eat a large quantity, I think you won’t become so fat. However, also eating vegetables together with fried chicken good for the body.” (Akane)

“Th-, that’s right. Sasha, don’t frighten us too much. Well, if we go on an adventure everyday, it will be alright.” (Lein) Lein-san was clearly feeling relieved. Me as well, I must exercise every day after this, I don’t want to become fat. I was a prisoner of this fried chicken.

The next morning, making up my mind, I asked who Master was.

“Oh, that question at last! Oh well, as for what I can say now, I’m a searcher who is searching for the truth of this world, I wonder. I’ll speak of it eventually. However, just remember this. I absolutely won’t betray Finn.” (Akane)³

In those words, there was unusual persuasive power. Master and I had still just met by chance, so for the sake of gaining trust, I would try my best after this. Of course, I also wouldn’t betray Master.

Thus, we’ve arrived at the present, but the present was a short time of supreme bliss. Everyone was satisfied.

Master brought new cuisines. Honestly, it was intense.

“Everyone, this is the last dish, the dessert pudding. If it’s such things as fried chicken, your stomach will be heavy. Try to eat this so that you bite it slowly.” (Akane)

Pudding? What was that? I slightly trembled at the form I saw for the first time. When I tried to eat a mouthful with a spoon, there was a faint fragrance, and the instant I put it in my mouth, there was a feeling which washed away the things until now. How was there food like this! Everyone, similarly, had the same feeling as me. Especially from the female camp, the opinion they wanted to propagate without fail to the royal capital was that it was amazing. As a result of consulting with Gale-san, he got in touch with the fellow Roof’s set meals and fellow inns, and they thought about what would take place from now on.

Father, mother, Leon-sama, Finn was very happy right now. I would become stronger than before, and I would return to the Rhedenburg Kingdom without fail, so please wait until then.

Chapter 17 – Setting off, Aiming for Sphereart

Leaving the guild and confirming the time, it was still 15:30. There was time until dinner. Let's go to the library and try to investigate a little.

“Finn, because there is time until dinner, I'll go to the library and try to investigate about the goddess.” (Akane)

“Is it about the goddess Sphere-sama? In relation to Sphere-sama, I also studied reasonably, so I think I'll be able to teach you.” (Finn)

“I'm truly saved. I want to know about the history of this world. About the goddess Sphere, the Evil King, and the evil god.” (Akane)

“Evil god? You also said that in the occasion of the Lich. Is there an evil god?” (Finn)

“There is. I think the Lich also admitted it. There's also the fact that I knew the evil god, so I think I was able to grasp it simply. Though, it'll be nice if there are books that have the events of 4000 years ago mentioned in them in the library.”

(Akane)

In actuality, since I myself was an evil god, it seems I was able to grasp the Lich easily.

However, the 4000 years the evil god spoke of, I didn't know how many years it would be [here](#).¹

“Four thousand years ago! There aren't old books like that. What I learned in the kingdom was after the outbreak of the Evil King one thousand years ago. Everything before that, it's said it was destroyed in a fire from a fight at that time.

Every kingdom is the same, the oldest books that were stored in the royal palace are things from 1000 years ago. As far as I know, there wasn't a phrase 'evil god'.” (Finn)

Was there only books up until 1000 years ago? The phrase 'evil god' wouldn't appear because of that. If that's the case, I wonder if it was

truly 4000 years. Well, it's fine, the one thing that could be said was that there weren't any clues suddenly. If it comes to not obtaining the books, then————the historic ruins?

"If that's the case, I have no choice but to investigate the historic ruins all over the world later. For the time being, let's go to the library. I want to investigate it just to be sure." (Akane)

In the end, there wasn't a book which was a clue related to the goddess Saria or the evil god. But, I discovered a few things about the goddess Sphere and the Evil King.

- 1) The goddess Sphere made this parallel world, Spherethalia.
- 2) The goddess Sphere created a total of 5 races; humans, beastmen, dwarves, elves, and demons.
- 3) The place Sphere first descended to in this world was Sphereart, and it was the headquarters of Sphereism.
- 4) The evil tribes and the Evil King sprung forth 1000 years ago. The cause was the war due to the above-mentioned 5

racess.

With it being divided loosely, was it such an impression?

With it being thus, I'll try to ask the Lich in relation to evil god.

I was putting things related to the goddess Saria on hold. Who on earth was she?

However, thanks to this time's investigation, I had discovered one thing. The one who created the system of skills and statuses, it was the goddess Sphere. Probably, the goddess Saria intervened in the system, and without sufficiently investigating it, gave me that 'Incompetence' skill. Even the Wicked Heart medicine, it was made by the evil tribe Urubus originally, but Saria obtained it, and without accurately investigating what kind of effect there was, she used it on me as is.

Somehow, it made me angry when I thought back upon it.

In relation to the historic ruins, they weren't in the outskirts of the royal capital, but if I went to Sphereart in the south, it seemed there were 2 old historic ruins. Well, I would investigate these 2 first. Well, it'd be time before long. Let's go back to the inn and eat dinner after

making plans for from now on.

Arriving at the Possible Roof, we returned to our room for the time being.

“Finn, although I’m planning for from now on, let’s go to Sphereart in the south first. There are two things to do there.

The first is to strengthen Finn in the D-class dungeon, and the second is to investigate the historical ruins. As for the extent of what I saw some time ago, it seems the historical ruins are somehow also changing into dungeons, and of the two ruins, the first is C-class, and the other one is a D-class. So, it’s maximum priority to strengthen Finn.” (Akane)

“Uuu, I’m completely a hindrance, sorry.” (Finn)

“What are you saying. That’s only now. From now on, you’ll become steadily stronger.” (Akane)

“Yes, I’ll try my best. Ah, what will you do about the auction 7 days later?” (Finn)

“Aah, although I won’t participate in the auction, I’ll return here once after about 10 days. It’s not a problem since I can use transfer magic. However, it is limited to places I have gone to once.” (Akane)

“Fue~~ transfer magic! Isn’t that magic of legends? It’s just listed in books, how to learn the magic is unknown still.”

(Finn)

Transition magic was at the level of legends! Ah, it was because she didn’t know the existence of space-time magic.

“Ah~, that, Finn knows superior magic, right?” (Akane)

“Yes, all 6: flame, ice, quake, lightning, storm, and holy.” (Finn)

“There’s also one other than those. There is space-time, which is the superior version of space magic. You should be able to learn space-time magic if your space magic is level 10.” (Akane)

“It’s impossible~. The people who can handle space magic itself are extremely rare. Furthermore, it’s very difficult to raise the level of space magic. Things like 10, it’s almost impossible!” (Finn)

Eeh, was that so! Let's not use transfer magic in public.

“Un-, understood. It's great with you saying it to that extent.” (Akane)

“Yes, but I'll memorize the method to obtain space-time magic.”
(Finn)

Well, although there had been various things up until here, I was able to break out from the royal capital at last. I was also able to prepare for camping, and when I go to the guild later tomorrow, I think the people of the Chivalric Order, Claude-san, and possibly Marcus-san would be there, but I wonder whether or not I'd be able to persuade them. If she went to the royal palace or something like that, at best, the nobles in the surroundings would produce an uproar, and there was a possibility of Finn being kidnapped. If I was able to, I wanted to escape without showing my face in the royal palace.

Dependant upon the consent or refusal of the persuasion, my actions hereafter would change.

The next morning, we went towards the adventurer's guild, and went to meet Claude-san.

When we entered the room, Claude-san was deep into talking with Marcus-san as feared.

“Oh, you've come? This person is Marcus, the leader of the royal palace's Chivalric Order. In the olden days, he was a comrade who shared his joys and sorrows as an adventurer together.” (Claude)

“I'm Marcus, the leader of the Chivalric Order.” (Marcus)

“I'm called Sasha. Is it about Finn's matter?” (Akane)

All right, the disguise was effective. He really didn't realize.

“I think you've heard it to a certain extent from Claude-san, but an evil tribe was involved behind the scenes of this case.

If she goes to the royal palace, the surrounding nobles will ask various things, and there is also the possibility that information will be leaked to the evil tribe. When it becomes so, because various company will come to kill Finn hereafter, I will take care of Finn.” (Akane)

For the sake of making it clear that the words I was speaking were serious, I released 【Overpower】 that was just barely bearable to

Marcus-san and Claude-san.

“Gu~, hey, Sasha, please release your Overpower since we understand. Marcus, I think you understand Sasha’s power with this. It is safer to let Sasha guard her than leaving her in the royal palace poorly.

“Haa, indeed, to do this much with only Overpower, it can’t be helped? Sasha, at least give an explanation to me so I am able to consent to it. I have to report it to the King as well.” (Marcus)

Naturally. Let’s tell them the things I know currently. I spoke about everything related to Finn to Marcus-san and Claude-san.

The fact an evil tribe was involved in this time’s case.

The fact the goal of the evil tribe was to kill Finn who held the divine protection of the divine beasts.

As she had divine protection, from the fact that she couldn’t be approached carelessly, Sophia Allenthal was used.

She summoned the Lich with the sacrifices of the beastmen in the slums, and caused the status abnormality.

And just to make sure, she requested the Galum Gang, and separated Finn from the royal capital¹² to allow her to be kidnapped.

The evil tribe thought Finn was killed by the Galum Gang.

I rescued Finn by subjugating the Galum Gang.

I grasped the Lich, and released her from the curse.

Incidentally, Finn hadn’t been discovered so far because her appearance was changed by the magic tool of disguise.

I wonder if it was a point like this.

It seemed the Lich was conveying it to Rhedenburg already. It seemed to be chaos now.

In order to uncover the evil tribe that was hiding, there was no choice but to convey that Finn was alive. If she found Finn and tried to manipulate me, I wouldn’t obliterate it immediately, but obliterate it

after torturing it.

“Hey, Claude, don’t tell anyone about this.” (Marcus)

“Obviously. How could I speak about a serious matter like this!?”
(Claude)

“I’ll consent with Sasha. I think you’ve heard about it from Claude, but the matters of the large quantity of missing people in the slums about half a year ago, the missing princess Finn, and the status abnormality were transmitted to countries all over the world from the Rhedenburg Kingdom. As there were no doubts an evil tribe had something to do with it, alerts and search requests appeared. By no means, we hadn’t shown any effort, and with it using Sophia Allenthal’s love, it planned to get rid of princess Finn.³ You were able to grasp that Lich skillfully. The opponent was an S-class.” (Marcus)

“Well, because I wanted to avoid battle to the best of my ability, I threatened it with ‘Overpower’.” (Akane)

“——Haha, ——‘Overpower’? Sasha, who in the world are you? You appeared suddenly and roughly guided the Rhedenburg incident to a resolution.” (Marcus)

Sorry, Marcus-san, I couldn’t say the truth.

“I am an ordinary adventurer. Even coming across Finn, it was by sheer chance.” (Akane) Marcus-san shut his eyes, and thought about it motionlessly. And then——,

“Understood, let’s do it like that. In regards to the King, I will convey this matter to him. Although it has practically been no time after we met, I am able to have trust if it’s you. Probably, the nobles in the surroundings will be fussy, but Claude and I will stop them. Where are you going towards after this?” (Marcus)

“Sphereart. Thereupon, I think I will train Finn. Given that the D-class dungeon here has become off-limits for some reason. My final destination is Rhedenburg.” (Akane)

“I see, but be careful along the way since Rhedenburg is quite far from here. However, because the seal of the Evil King is weakening now, the evil tribes should move actively. Please be plenty careful when you leave to travel.” (Marcus) As usual, you think about your comrades, huh, Marcus-san.

“Yes, thank you very much.” (Akane)

All right, although it was forcibly, I succeeded in persuading the two people.

After this, I said my thanks to Claude-san as well, and left the adventurer’s guild.

Oh, yeah, although I wanted to say thanks to Lein-san, too, she wasn’t in the royal capital because she was in the middle of accomplishing her request. Well, because I should come back in about 10 days to 2 weeks, I wondered if it was fine if I said it at that time.

Returning to the Possible Roof, I told Gale-san and Kyle-san I was parting from them today.

“Sphereart? It’s still sudden.” (Gale)

“Is Finn also going?” (Kyle)

As I accomplished my goal here, I told them that I was going to investigate because there were historical ruins in Sphereart.

“I see, don’t become lonesome. Leave the new cuisine Sasha made to us. Since I will absolutely propagate it to the royal capital. The support of pudding from the women is especially amazing.” (Gale) It was fine if the cooking spreads.

“Given that there is an auction 7 days later, it seems, I will come back after about 2 weeks.” (Akane)

“It will take about 4 days with a carriage. Won’t you only be able to stay for about 6 days?” (Gale)

“In relation to that, it’s all right. I have an idea.” (Akane) It looked like Kyle had also finished saying farewell to Finn.

“Well then, Gale-san, Kyle, it’s been a short time, but I’m indebted.” (Akane)

“Aah, I think it’ll be alright if it’s Sasha. Be that as it may, be careful.” (Gale)

“Finn, if you come back to the royal capital, stay here again.” (Kyle)

“Yup, it is very calming here. When we come back to the royal capital, I’ll come again. See ya.” (Finn) Now, I was separating from the royal

capital at last. I was aiming for Sphereart.

Chapter 1 – Finn’s Training

“Master~~, it’s no good anymore. I can’t even move another step.”
(Finn)

“Oh, you’re already at your limit? Hmm, because it’s also no good to overuse your body too much, we’ll end here for today.” (Akane)

Finn was staring at the sky on the ground and was short of breath and dripping sweat. Having escaped from the Imperial Capital, we were running towards Sphereart currently. Indeed, we were running. Finn’s magical power circulation and magical power manipulation skill levels were both 1. As is, if we went while flying on the subordinate demon (griffon) I newly contracted, it was possible to arrive at Sphereart in about 6 hours, but that wasn’t interesting.

Therefore, as training for Finn, we were running whilst circulating magical power. By cladding your body in magical power and running, your speed improved a little, your magical power circulation skill level raised, and the body strengthening skill also became easier to remember——supposedly.

“Finn, what was your impression on trying to do it?” (Akane)

“It was more harder than expected. I didn’t think that training of just running whilst circulating magical power was hard until here.” (Finn)

“Although it’s simple, training seeming to be simple at first like this easily raises your skill levels as well. What is your magical power circulation skill level?” (Akane)

“Yes, I’ll try to confirm it. Eeh, it’s become level 2 already despite only doing it 1 day~.” (Finn) As expected! It’s good I read that manga.

“Alright, after you take a break, we’re changing to magical power manipulation.” (Akane)

“Haa, I’m exhausted~.” (Finn)

“When you have cleared one of my next instructions, I’ll make a gordon cow steak for dinner.” (Akane) A gordon cow, it was an evil tribe resembling what would be called a fine quality cow in Japan. I had bought 3 shares in the Imperial Capital.

“I’ll try my best!” (Finn)

This child had a weakness for food. Let’s also use it from now on.

After the break, we went into magical power manipulation training.

“Now, although we are doing magical power manipulation after this, doing it is simple. You are bringing out the thing that’s in here. What is that, I wonder?.” (Akane)

At the same location as Finn’s head, I created a round sphere made of magical power. It was colorless because there weren’t any attributes put in. In the first place, magical power itself usually wasn’t seen. In order to have it be seen, include an attribute in the magical power itself, or it’s fine if you concentrate magical powers on your eyes.

“Eeh, you’re doing it with just magical power manipulation?” (Finn)

“Indeed. Question your way of manipulating magical power. Unless you cast aside your common sense, you won’t be able to clear this challenge. The time limit is 30 minutes. Begin! A steak is waiting.” (Akane)

“Eeeeh, I’ll try to do it.” (Finn)

—30 minutes later, she cleared it at the last moment.

“I did it~! With this, I can eat the steak!” (Finn)

You wanted the steak to that extent? But, it had come to her mind nicely.

“You did well. Your dinner is steak. Did you understand the round ball properly?” (Akane)

“Yes, because magical power circulation is a skill that spreads magical power through your entire body, I was thinking about what kind of skill magical power manipulation was for a long time. Until now, I was fixated on just the manipulation of magic, so I hadn’t progressed at all, but because Master said to cast aside your common sense, I thought it suddenly. If you spread magical power through your entire body, I thought ‘weren’t you also able to keep it a part of your body?’.” (Finn)

Oh, she noticed it by herself?

“Correct. Try to view the skill level.” (Akane)

“Yes, aah, this one also became level 2. How is it rising simply like this.” (Finn)

“It’s fine if you do the trick properly. There are things that won’t progress even with practicing only magic.” (Akane)

“Yes, —that’s right. Until now, the trick was simply bad.” (Finn)

In the academy, she had said her skill level wasn’t rising, but if you think about it properly, her attribute values were fixed with that curse, but her skill was normal. In other words, Finn herself was lacking the ability.

“Finn, get used to magical power manipulation and gathering it in your eyes. The way of gathering magical power is crude still, and although it’s a degree where you just barely understand even the round ball this time, if this manipulation is refined more, you’ll sense the behavior of magic and the movements of the opponent quicker, and you can advance the fight advantageously. By using it together with presence sensing, it’ll reach the point you understand the behavior of opponents who are far away to some extent.” (Akane)

“You were thinking about this matter to that extent!? I understand, I will train every day.” (Finn) For now, it seemed she understood the methods of magical power circulation and magical power manipulation with this.

After, it was only repeated practice.

Three days had passed since we departed from the Imperial Capital. Finn had also grown considerably accustomed to magical power circulation and magical power manipulation. She’d become familiar with her body much more than in the beginning, and it became clear she was moving her magical power smoothly. Any time now, huh.

“Finn, confirm your status. There should be new skills any time now.” (Akane)

“Yes, aah! There’s the body strengthening skill! The skill of my heart’s desire came into my hands at last.” (Finn) Fufufu, she’s growing steadily.

“Finn, the body strengthening skill as well, it doesn’t mean that the

skill level will rise if you only train your body.

Depending upon how you use it, the level rises with good efficiency as well, and it's even possible to defeat warriors with higher basic attribute values than you if you use it together with magical power.” (Akane)

“Eeh, really!?” (Finn)

Well, it'd be better for Finn herself to personally experience this.

“Finn, perform what I say from now.” (Akane)

1) Perform magical power circulation

2) Put the magical power being circulated outside of the body. As for the image, try to clad your entire body in it.

“Understood, I'll try to do it. ——Is it a feeling like this?” (Finn)

“Although it's rough, well, I guess it's fine. Remember that feeling. Well then, solve the magical power, and try to strike the ground normally.” (Akane)

“Yes.” (Finn)

When she struck the ground, a fist-sized hole was made.

“Well then, next, do the thing I said some time ago again, and hit the ground with that state this time.” (Akane) In accordance with what I said, Finn struck the ground with her fist. The result, different from last time, a small crater with about a 20cm radius centered on the spot she struck was made.

“Eeh, why, why! The power when there isn't and when there is magical power is different?” (Finn)

“By cladding your body in magical power, working together with the 『Body Strengthening』 skill, all abilities rise. If you are able to do this method of cladding your body entirely without futility, your abilities rise even more. At this point in time, you're at the point of barely passing because your method of cladding yourself is rough. Finn, confirm your status.”

(Akane)

“Yes, aah, a new skill called 『Magical Power Cladding level 1』 is

displayed.” (Finn) I see, it was a name called 『Magical Power Cladding』 ? Even with doing it myself, although it appeared inside of my head, I was uneasy since it wasn’t displayed in my status.

“It’s no good if you’re surprised with that. Next is the performance. Gathering the magical power that you took outside onto your fist, strike the ground.” (Akane)

Thereupon, a crater with a 40cm radius was made this time.

Finn was very surprised, and became dazed.

“Were you able to understand? That you could defeat someone dependant upon the way you use it, it’s a reason like this.

The attack in the beginning was only the body strengthening skill, the 2nd was body strengthening and cladding your entire body in magical power working together, and the third was body strengthening and cladding a part of your body in magical power. By having magical power cladding and the body strengthening skill working together like this, you are able to drastically strengthen yourself based on your basic attribute values. In the case you concentrate magical power on your fist, I think you’re able to strengthen your basic offensive ability about 5 times at most at this point in time. If your skill level is higher, your power also increases.” (Akane)

“I didn’t know. I thought magical power was only used for magic. Things like there being a way to use it like this, I hadn’t thought of it in the slightest.” (Finn)

“However, in the case you concentrate magical power on your fist, the places with the exception of that one will be a level close to your basic attribute values in that state. Be careful.” (Akane)

“Yes, I will practice how to handle this.” (Finn)

Finn’s eyes were sparkling. I guess she was quite impressed?

With this, I guess I was able to do the minimum required training for Finn as well. After, it was fine if she increased her experience points by piling up combat.

As for me, it may be because I ate the evil god, but before such things as combat, as I had exceeded the level of humans, I didn’t know whether I would pile up lacking experience or not. However, the level on my status was currently 7, and the values of my basic attribute

values were rising sufficiently as well. Somehow or other, thanks to the unique skill 『

Existence Concealment』, it appeared the status rising of each level returned to the base. Evil god. It was good I ate you.

Let's hunt evil tribes for now and raise my level even more.

After this, by repeatably training magical power cladding throughout the day, Finn's 『Magical Power Cladding』 became level 3.

And then, the next morning——

“With this, the minimum necessary training for Finn is finished. We'll get on the subordinate demon from now and go towards Sphereart.”
(Akane)

“Eh, the Lich subordinate demon?” (Finn)

“No, it's a griffon I contracted while you slept.” (Akane)

“Fue~~, a griffon! Although it's A-rank, you're amazing as usual.”
(Finn)

Without delay, I summoned the griffon. Looking at it again, it was fairly big. It was about 5 meters in length, I think. Let's give it the meat attached to an orc's bone that I prepared some time ago to the griffon.

“Griffon, please take us to before Sphereart. Because you may become hungry, I'll give this before.” (Akane) The griffon consumed the whole bone with pleasure. Whether or not it was very happy, it was rubbing its face against me.

Ohhh, it was like a dog, it looked cute.

“Finn, the griffon is fairly cute as well, right? Don't be distant like that, come here.” (Akane)

“Im-impossible. It's too terrifying. It looks ferocious to me.” (Finn)

“Oh my, I wonder if it's okay to say a thing like that. This child, although it doesn't talk, it is able to understand words.

You had better not say things that will anger it too much.” (Akane)

When I said so, she came here in a dash, and prostrated herself in

front of the griffon. I thought she was a princess, but did she not have pride?

“Griffon-san, I’m sorry, please forgive me. Because it was my first time seeing you, it was just a little scary. I wonder, is it also okay to get on?” (Finn)

Thereupon, whether or not it was pleased with Finn, it pinched the hem of her clothes in its beak and heaved her upwards, and placed her on its back. If one were to speak of Finn, she was crying.

“I was scared. I thought it might eat me~.” (Finn)

“Get familiar with it. Since, from now on, the evil tribes like this will increase.” (Akane) Riding on the back of the griffon, we went towards Sphereart.

Chapter 2 – The Little Girl covered in wounds

Currently, we were going towards Sphereart on the griffon. And, we would arrive in about an hour.

“Finn, how about the feeling while riding on the griffon? I think it’s something quite nice.” (Akane)

“Y-, y-, yes, th-, that’s right. I, think it’s, good.” (Finn)

Her voice was sounding shrill and nervous.

“Perhaps you’re afraid? It’s fine to speak honestly.” (Akane)

“Gri-, phon-san, is not scary. Rather, I’m afraid of this height! Although we are being protected by magic, this height is abnormal.” (Finn)

“Why? Although we are flying at an altitude of 1000 meters, I feel refreshed. Look at this scenery. It’s amazing, right, Griffon?” (Akane)

“*Kuwah~~*” (Griffon)

“For me, it is my first time at this height! I don’t have the composure to look at the scenery!” (Finn)

“It’s wasteful. Well, since we will get on often from now on, you’ll get used to it eventually.” (Akane)

“Th-, this scenery often——” (Finn)

Huh~, since it was impossible to allow a fear of heights, I guess I'll lose speed gradually, and fly a little bit lower.

Huh, what's this?

"Griffon, stop for a moment." (Akane)

"*Kuwah?*" (Griffon)

"Good, we stopped. Master, what's wrong?" (Finn)

This, was a human child being chased by evil tribes? It wasn't far from here? But, over there was a completely large forest. Why was a human child there? Be that as it may, were we going to help them?

"Inside of the large forest to our left, there is a child being chased by evil tribes. We're going to help them." (Akane)

"Inside of that large forest! How do you know that much?" (Finn)

"I thought I said it before. If you use magical power and the 'Presence Sense' skill at the same time, you are able to sense even distant people. This time, the 'Crisis Sense' skill is also operating in that place, though." (Akane)

"Eeh! From here, it is quite distant. If you use many skills together, you know it accurately to that extent?" (Finn)

"Indeed, griffon, please go to the place I pointed at." (Akane)

"*Kuwah~*" (Griffon)

"I wonder if we'll make it in time, I guess I'll do 'Overpower' on the evil tribes that are chasing the child. There are 5 evil tribes, and they are quite powerful. Alright, I've understood their power, invoke 『Overpower』." (Akane) Oh, their movements stopped, they seemed to be confused.

"You truly have everything, Master. The griffon also thinks so." (Finn)

"*Kuwah~, kuwawah~~*" (Griffon)

What, both of you? They both nodded. Really, I was a monster? —— If seen from a human and a normal evil tribe, in reality, I guess I was a monster. It was somewhat complicated.

This vicinity, huh. With surveying the surroundings——found it!

That's unlucky, they were trying to deal the finishing blow.

"Finn, I will go ahead and rescue them." (Akane)

"Yes, I'll go after as well." (Finn)

I entered between the child and the ogre knight that was trying to deal the finishing blow, used the 『Body Hardening』

skill, hardened my arm and stopped the blow of the sword. Although the hardening wasn't even necessary in reality, it was because it was a loss if I didn't steadily use skills. By the way, 『Body Hardening』 was a superior version of the

'Body Strengthening' skill. The second I stopped the blow of the sword, the sword snapped in half. Was their great physical power only that? The evil tribes that were aiming at this child were an ogre knight (B-class), a goblin knight (C-class), a black viper (B-class black, large snake), an evil tiger (B-class, tiger that uses evil magic), and lastly, a troll (C-class). Why were such powerful guys aiming at a child. I was able to understand the words of at least the ogre knight and the evil tiger.

"My sword broke. You, who are you?" (Ogre Knight)

"I don't have a name to give to an evil tribe. I'm the envoy of the goddess Sphere who protects children, I wonder. By the way, I wonder, what is your guys' objective? I think that there's no meaning in killing such a child, though." (Akane) Formerly, I have a feeling that a hero of justice was saying a speech with a feeling like this. I arranged it in a parallel world edition, though. It was the evil tiger who responded to this speech.

"You are an envoy of the goddess Sphere! Damned Sphere, have you prepared such a hidden weapon still? Well, fine, if we eat both of you bastards, our evil power will rise as much. Your luck was bad! You'll die here." (Evil Tiger) Upon considering it, by eating the magical power that was held by things other than evil tribes, I wonder, would my own evil power increase? So that meant, I was captivated by the magical power held by this child.

The troll swung his club downward at me when I had been thinking. For now, I guess I'll subjugate it! Stopping the blow of the club, I sent a punch to its stomach lightly. Thereupon, the troll tumbled down with a *thud* noise.

The black viper tried to swallow me from above next but I nimbly avoided it, and threw a 『Tornado Bomb』 with a 50cm radius into the interior of its mouth. 『Tornado Bomb』 was my original magic; by spherically compressing the storm attribute entire enemy attack 『Storm Tornado』, the power on a single enemy far surpassed that of 『Storm Tornado』.

The black viper that had that thrown into it was naturally broken into small fragments along with a large noise. The evil tiger who had seen this was terribly surprised.

“That’s ridiculous, what, I haven’t seen that magic.” (Evil Tiger)

“That is correct. Because it’s my original.” (Akane)

It seemed that Finn and the griffon have arrived.

“Finn, you came at a good part. Subjugate the goblin knight. If you are able to execute what you have been taught so far, it’s possible to subjugate it. Griffon, watch the state of Finn’s fight, and in the situation it looks like Finn will be killed, kill the goblin knight without hesitation.” (Akane)

Up to coming to here, she subjugated E and F-class evil tribes, goblins, kobolts, orcs, and wolves, and actual fighting to a certain extent was finished. If it was her current skill practice and abilities, it was just barely feasible. In this connection, unique skills were prohibited from being used. With her current status that was nothing but half-baked abilities, if she used unique skills, the possibility of drowning in that power was high.

“On a goblin knight!? ——I understand, I’ll fight with all of my power.” (Finn) It looked like she had the resolution to fight. Oops, the evil tiger fired the evil magic 『Ice Needle』 in the gap I took my eyes off of it. Simply put, it was a sharp ice machine gun about 30cm long.

Too bad, in my surroundings, I was applying 『Distortion Field』 continuously. Magic and evil magic weren’t possible to use.

“You, who are you! Why isn’t evil magic working? Ogre knight, let’s do it together.” (Evil Tiger)

The evil tiger and ogre knight challenged me together. Both parties, they are only B-class, and they had more speed than such things as ogres. Well, because it was just right, I would test it as well.

Cladding my entire body in magical power, I lightly struck the the right leg of the evil tiger who swung downwards. The ogre knight also went into the area behind me similarly, and I gave a blow to its stomach. Thereupon, the evil tiger's right leg was smashed, and an air hole opened up in the ogre knight's stomach. Yeah, although I had known they weren't opponents, I knew that I was strengthening myself. Even in the real world, I seemed to be able to use 『Magical Power Cladding』 myself. So far, because I hadn't used this skill, I was a little anxious but it seemed to be alright.

“Such a thing, my right leg was smashed with a single blow. *Ku*, how about if it's this! 『Heat Fang』 ” (Evil Tiger) *Mu*, his offensive power was raised with ‘Claw Technique’, which converged evil power on his left forelimb and clad it in it. *Hee*, he was doing it. But, it was too bad.

“Too bad, you're full of gaps.” (Akane)

Since its right leg side was full of gaps, I dealt a light body blow. Thereupon, the evil tiger crumpled down. Yeah, the both of them were dead. Now, I wonder, how was Finn doing?

Finn's Point of View

My opponent was the goblin knight. It was a C-class monster. I would have been unable to stand up due to fear if it was the old me. But, now was different. Master said that I could subjugate it if I was able to execute the training of so far. I believed in the words of my Master. Besides, if it was now, those two techniques should be useful.

I clad my entire body in magical power, and concentrated a little on my eyes. I understood that the goblin knight was observing this way. Of course, I felt a strong evil power. But, I understood myself that I wasn't the one who couldn't win.

I would go with all of my strength from the beginning. I dashed while cladding both iron claws in magical power and tried to split the goblin knight, but naturally it was defended by its sword. But, with this feeling, I understood that our powers were competing. I guess that was also understood by the goblin knight. Temporarily, I fell back.

The goblin knight, it was strong. I would be done in if I was negligent for even a little while. Let's go.

“Claw Technique 『Whirlwind Cut¹』 , Haa~, da, da, da” (Finn) I sent

out claw slash attacks on the wind and launched them consecutively. The goblin knight was surprised to see that.

Although he seemed to have eluded them somehow with his sword and shield, there was a gap! I drove the iron claw into its right thigh. Eh, it wasn't coming out! Unluckily, the goblin knight didn't overlook it. I received the sharp part of the shield on my left shoulder. But, I also could take the iron claw with the shock. *Ku~*, as one would expect, it was painful.

But, I wouldn't be defeated if it was this amount. I followed up immediately.

“Haa~~.” (Finn)

My left shoulder hurt somewhat, but I concentrated magical power on both of the iron claws and both of my hands, and challenged it with an attack immediately. Although the goblin knight also fought back with its sword and shield at the beginning, it gradually became unable to completely judge and a definite gap was made. Here, I decided to use that technique. I should be able to do it if it was now.

I cladded the iron claw in my right hand with the lightning attribute 『Thunder』, and further concentrated magical power there. Thereupon, lightning * *crackle crackle crackle crackle** made sounds from my right hand. It was okay if it was this!

“It ends with this. 『Thunder Fang』, Haa~~!” (Finn)

And then, I was able to cut up the goblin knight along with its shield. It was successful. Until now, despite not being able to activate it even once even with practice at the academy, thanks to Master's training, I succeeded for the first time.

“Haa, haa, haa, I did it, I did it, I did it~~, Master!” (Finn)

When I looked at Master, the ogre knight and the evil tiger were already dead, and she had been looking this way the whole time. And then, she praised me with a smile on her entire face.

“Well done, Finn. Not only can you use 『Whirlwind Cut』, but you can also use 『Thunder Fang』. You practiced for a long time.” (Akane)

“Yes, yes, from when I was in the academy, I had practiced and imagined it for a long time, but I couldn't do it at all. But, when I

thought I could do it if it was now, I succeeded. I'm happy!" (Finn) In combat, Master praised me for the first time. I was happy that it was absurd.

"Well, shall we look at the girl?" (Akane)

"Ah, yes, that's right." (Finn)

I completely forgot about her. When I looked at the girl that was collapsed, she was covered in wounds. She had lacerations here and there, there were burns on her entire body, and her breathing was also in a faint state. She may have died with a little more. But, this child, I had a feeling that I'd seen her somewhere, but well, where would I have seen her?

I couldn't remember.

"This is cruel. It isn't only wounds on her whole body, there's also nearly no magical power. First of all 『Max Heal』."

(Akane)

Amazing, the wounds were being recovered before my eyes. She completely recovered her in the blink of an eye. Eh, eh, wha-, what the, this child was, but

"Iris-sama~~!! There is no mistake. This person is Iris-sama, Master!" (Finn) Why was Saint-sama of Sphereart's religion in such a place!

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"Iris-sama~~!! There is no mistake. This person is Iris-sama, Master!" (Finn) Finn, it was nice you were putting out a large voice, but if you knew this child, I wanted you to inform me who she was. If it was from me, I could only see a cute girl with blue eyes and long, blonde hair.

"Hey, Finn, who is Iris? As I am ignorant to the ways of the world, can you inform me?" (Akane)

"Eh~~, you don't know Iris-sama!? Even if you are ignorant to the ways of the world, there is a limit. Iris-sama is the saint of Sphere-sama, and it's enough that it's said that she's the reincarnation of Sphere-sama, and that she and Sphere-sama are like two peas in a pod. Furthermore, while at 11 years old, she is a powerful holy magic user." (Finn) A reincarnation; Sphere was a goddess, so she should be

somewhere even now. Well, it was probably something similar to around that. But, that she could use holy magic at age 11 was amazing.

“Hey, Finn. Why is such a great saint-sama without even an escort, and why is she alone in this big forest? If we didn’t come, she’d die without fail.” (Akane)

“That, that’s right. I wonder why.” (Finn)

Aah, before arriving at Sphereart, I was dragged into something troublesome. Well, it was okay to take this child to Sphereart as is, but something would certainly happen. In any case, could we get on the griffon and exit this big forest?

“Finn, get on the griffon. First of all, we’ll take this child and exit the big forest.” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Finn)

Here, was within the forest that was a little before Sphereart. As there was no mistake that it’d become something serious if we took Iris as is, we decided that we’d wait for her to wake up here and listen to her circumstances.

“Finn, have you spoken with Iris?” (Akane)

“Yes, 2 years ago, Iris-sama came to Rhedenburg. At that time, a plague was spreading widely all over the country, and Iris-sama wandered to many towns with her guards, and exterminated the plague in a flash. After the plague disappeared completely, a reserved party was held in the royal palace. We spoke just a little at that time. Still, having proper manners despite being 9 years old, she was an amazing person.” (Finn)

She was mixed up in something. In our world, it was a period of brimming with curiosity if it was a normal 9 year old, so she should do things like play with many children. Well, if she was trained as a saint from when she was a child, she may be different from an ordinary person? At any rate, let’s restore this child’s magical power. For now, I’d restore it to only 100.

“Well, first of all let’s restore Iris’s magical power.” (Akane)

“Eh? There isn’t a magic like that. In the whole world, the magic of

magical power recovery was researched, but no country has achieved it yet.” (Finn)

“Oh, is that so. Well then, concentrate magical power on your eyes and watch this. 『Magic Transfer』.” (Akane) There was no attribute that corresponded with this magic. If I dare say it, it was no attribute. It was my original magic.

“Eh, no way, Master’s magical power entered Iris-sama.” (Finn)

“Certainly, I also tried to create magic that recovered magical power, but it was impossible. As of now, there are only recovery medicines such as magic potions for recovering magical power. But, it isn’t the case where there will always be recovery medicines on reserve. Even now, Finn has used all of them, right?” (Akane)

“Uu, that’s right.” (Finn)

“It’s a magic that I developed as an emergency measure for times like these. As it doesn’t have an attribute, it’s no attribute. Simply put, it is magic to transfer the user’s magical power to the other party. Although a complete recovery is impossible, it is an emergency measure.” (Akane)

“There was such a way? Many wizards were thinking about only magic like heal, so we didn’t think of transfer.” (Finn) Iris appeared to have recovered consciousness.

“Huh, this place is? I’m certain I ran until the large forest, eh, eeeeh? My injuries were healed as well?” (Iris)

“You’ve recovered consciousness. We saved you because you were being attacked by evil tribes. Afterwards, as your injuries were severe, I healed them some time ago.” (Akane)

“If I remember correctly, I was being chased by a troll, evil tiger, black viper, ogre knight, and goblin knight, and the ogre knight raised his sword overhead, that’s right, somebody saved me at that time!” (Iris)

“Indeed, we were the ones who saved you. I haven’t introduced myself yet, huh. I’m called Sasha.” (Akane)

“Iris-sama, it’s been a while. I am Finn Rhedenburg.” (Finn)

“H-, Huuh!? Princess Finn, you should have been missing, how?” (Iris)

Heehh, she was confused when she saw Finn all of a sudden.

“I heard your name was Iris from Finn, but there’s no mistake, is there?” (Akane)

“Yes, I am called Iris Falling. Thank you very much for saving and also for healing me.” (Iris) As one would expect from a saint-sama. Her tone was steady despite her being 11 years old. I want you to follow her example, Mika.

“The evil tribes that were chasing you, all of them were gotten rid of. This is proof.” (Akane)

I took out the evil tiger from the item box.

“*Wa!* It-, it’s the evil tiger of that time. I was truly saved. *U-*, *uuu*, thank you very much. Thank you very much. *Uwaaann!* ” (Iris)

She was crying, the same as Finn’s time? Was it natural since she was 11 years old still?

——She cried for a while, and appeared to have calmed down.

“I’m sorry, I cried and have calmed down. That’s right, Princess Finn, why are you together with Sasha-san?” (Iris) Well, it was natural that it’d be on her mind, huh. Come to think of it, though I noticed it when I saw Finn and Iris, Finn was a healing voice, and Iris resembled the voice of an idol voice actress somewhere. Oops, I went astray on a byroad.

“It will be explained from Finn. That way would be better.” (Akane)

“Yes.” (Finn)

Finn taught her in detail about the happenings since she went missing. When she talked about the Lich and the Galum Gang, she was terribly surprised. And, when the explanation was directed to the situation where we came to this place, her eyes were shining when she looked my way. Ah, that feeling, it was just like a child looking at a hero.

“Amazing! Clarifying the cause of Princess Finn’s status abnormality, the subjugation of the Galum Gang, and the subjugation of the 4 B-class evil tribes, they’re all amazing! Certainly, please let me call you Onee-sama!” (Iris) Onee-sama! No, that was a little——. When I looked at Finn,

“It’s good! I am Master, and Iris-sama is Onee-sama. It is a good sound.” (Finn)

“No, just a minute.” (Akane)

“Princess Finn is Master? Certainly, both of the two are good sounds, it is the exact word for Sasha-san.” (Iris) Ah, it seemed it was impossible to stop this.

“W-, well, if Iris is pleased with it, that way of calling me is fine.” (Akane)

“Hooray, Onee-sama, thank you very much.” (Iris)

Somehow, I had a feeling it’d be hard to stop this flow, but it couldn’t be helped.

“So, under what kind of sequence of events, Iris, were you wandering aimlessly in that dangerous forest alone? Frankly, it was a suicidal action.” (Akane)

“Ah, that’s right, Onee-sama, please listen. Three days ago, when I was praying in the chapel, the instant I suddenly felt large magical power and thought ‘What?’, I was transferring to the inside of the forest. When I searched for presences, I was feeling strong evil power in the surrounding places, so while erasing the signs of my magical power hurriedly, I was walking about searching for adventurers the whole time. But, I was found on the way, and though I was trying my best while driving them away with magic somehow, I was discovered and cornered by those guys, and Onee-sama appeared when I was thinking ‘it’s no good anymore’.” (Iris)

For talking easy-to-understand in one ago, thank you.

“In other words, Iris doesn’t know who transferred her, huh.” (Akane)

“Yes, it was too sudden, and I also couldn’t search for the magical power. But, from Princess Finn’s matter, there’s no mistake that someone was probably manipulated by an evil tribe. Furthermore, because of using transfer, there were several people manipulated by an evil tribe¹. In the first place, within us human beings, there aren’t people that can use transfer, and I have heard that a large quantity of magical power is required.” (Iris)

This child, was she really 11 years old? Her way of thinking and way

of talking was level-headed. I wonder if she could put it in order 'because she was a saint'? Hmm, well, I'd try to not think about it deeply.

"The more it is, the more magical power needed in the transfer disperses. If that's the case, if Iris returns to Sphereart as is, it will become something serious. An uproar will happen, and slipping into this turmoil, there is a high possibility it will cause something again." (Akane)

"Yes, what should we do? I don't want to be killed by an evil tribe." (Iris) Haa~, it couldn't be helped, do I pitch in in help?

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It couldn't be helped, I guess I'd pitch in and help.

"Finn, Iris, you'll wear this and enter Sphereart together with me." (Akane)

"Waa, what a pretty necklace! Onee-sama, thank you very much. But, is there something in this necklace?" (Iris)

"It's a handmade necklace which I made. The skill 『Disguise level MAX』 is bestowed by the jewels attached to this necklace. Its something superior that can disguise not only your status, but your presence, figure and outward appearance as well." (Akane)

"Master, this, perhaps, was maybe something put to use from the Galum Gang!" (Finn) Oh, Finn was skilled, wasn't she?

"That's right. But, the magic tool of disguise the Galum Gang had was an imperfect thing. If a slight shock ran into the magic tool itself, it was released immediately. This necklace was improved based on that. If you are wearing it, the face you are Iris will absolutely not be exposed. Call to mind what kind of appearance you want to have. However, your height will remain as is, so be careful." (Akane)

"Onee-sama, I'll put it on at once." (Iris)

When she put on the necklace, Iris closed her eyes, and seemed to be calling to mind the her she wanted to be. A short time later, Iris's hair changed to pink, and the appearances of her eyes, nose, and mouth changed. If it was this, it hardly would be realized that she was Iris.

"If it's this, it absolutely won't be recognized that it is Iris-sama. It's all

right even if appraised by the guard's crystal ball, right?" (Finn)

"If it's that, then it's all right. The skill level is MAX, it won't be exposed. The Galum Gang were also disguised, and they went through normally. The level of disguise bestowed probably exceeded the appraisal in level." (Akane)

"But Master, you also had the disguise skill. Furthermore, it's level MAX." (Finn)

"When I was trying out various things, it was like that. Of course, I don't use it for crimes or anything like that. Even if you falsify your status, if you change even your appearance, figure, and presence, you won't be noticed by anyone even if you show your true self." (Akane)

"Onee-sama, it won't be exposed with this, will it? Is the disguising of my status fine with this?" (Iris)

"Master, I disguised myself. Please check." (Finn)

"It's all right, you're cute, same as before disguising, and your status also changed a little. Cause your title and unique skill to disappear, erase either all or one magic skill, and also considerably decrease your basic ability values so there's no problem. Finn, you don't need to change your appearance, it's all right with that." (Akane) When Iris's status was displayed, it was an impression like this.

Name: Iris Falling → Eris

Race: Human → Human: General Citizen

Age: 11

Level: 10 → 5

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 359 → 65

Defense: 335 → 48

Agility: 183 → 45

Luck: 70 → 20

Magical Power: 2242 → 76

Skills: () is the level after disguise

Magical Power Circulation 4 (1)

Magical Power Manipulation 4 (1)

Fire Magic 4 (×)

Water Magic 3 (×)

Earth Magic 4 (×)

Wind Magic 3 (1)

Light Magic MAX (1)

Holy Magic 6 (×)

Unique Skills: Full Recovery (×)

(By using 2000 magical power, you can fully recover the physical strength, magical power, and all current-state abnormalities of all comrades within a 30 meter radius)

Title: Saint *(large magical power compensation, small compensation other than that)* (×) As one would expect, she was a saint. She was a complete specialized type of holy magic and magical power. The level 10 was probably from subjugating some higher ranking evil tribes in the large forest. However, what I was worried about was that there was no divine protection. I had thought ‘surely there is 『goddess Sphere’s divine protection』’, but it was strange? I thought that the people who had divine protection probably were being protected by some kind of thing. That’s why, in Finn’s case, the evil tribes couldn’t approach. But, Iris—the saint of Sphereism—didn’t have that. Wasn’t it strange?

“Iris, your title is only saint, right?” (Akane)

“Yes, that’s right, is there some problem?” (Iris)

“No, there’s no problem.” (Akane)

As I thought, it’s strange, something doesn’t make sense. Then, I wonder why the evil tribes didn’t assassinate Iris. I guess it couldn’t be helped even if I thought about it.

The same as Finn, let's train Iris.

It seemed Finn had grown since then. Did she memorize wind magic? I thought that since she had used 『Whirlwind Cut』

』 some time ago, she probably did. Probably, claw technique skills were linked with magic. She had memorized lightning magic—a superior magic—from the start, so she could use 『Whirlwind Cut』. She hadn't invoked it until now, probably because her magical power had decreased because of the curse.

(By the way, the status of a goblin knight is around 2100 on average, just barely C-class) **Name:** Finn Rhedenburg → Finn

Race: Beastman, Rhedenburg Kingdom's Third Princess → Beastman

Age: 12

Level: 7

Basic Attribute Values: Initial Value → Current Value

Attack: 473 → 965

Defense: 326 → 658

Agility: 638 → 1149

Luck: 20 → 20

Magical Power: 210 → 540

Skills:

Flash 6

Martial Arts 4

Claw Technique 3

Magical Power Circulation 4

Magical Power Manipulation 4

Magical Power Cladding 3

Wind Magic 1 (NEW)

Unique Skills: Divine Beastification (*All basic attribute values are multiplied by 10 with a time limit of 10 minutes by becoming Fenrir*) → (×) After Disguising

Title: Divine Protection of the Divine Beast Fenrir (*Compensation within all attribute values*) → (×) After Disguising

“Yup, Iris-sama, you’re cute.” (Finn)

“Ehehe, thank you very much.” (Iris)

“What’s left, is her name.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, even if it’s Eris, isn’t it no problem?” (Iris)

“It’s fine, but you just changed the ‘I’.” (Akane)¹

“Yes, because I didn’t want to change my name too much.” (Iris)

“Well then, from now on, it’s Eris. Finn, please also address ‘Eris’ without an honorific.” (Akane)

“*Fue*, address her without an honorific!?” (Finn)

“Naturally. You’re disguised, where is there a child who uses honorifics towards their junior, who is in the same social position as them?” (Akane)

“Princess Finn, please let me call you Finn-ane. I, because I was an orphan, it’s fine with temporarily, so I want to try to calling you it.” (Iris)

“U~, I understand. Eris, please treat me well after this.” (Finn)

“Now that that’s settled, what we must do first is infiltrate Sphereart and gather information. If she’s missing and 3 days have passed, there will also be various movements. Take care to not move carelessly.” (Akane) Or rather, the one who must move carefully most of all—was me?

“”Yes!”” (Finn + Iris)

The entrance of Sphereart came into view. The gate was *huge*. Some

time ago, I got on the griffon and tried to do reconnaissance, but like Eris has said, there was a big cathedral in the center of Sphereart, and the city was formed as if to surround it. And, there were gates on all sides to the outermost east, west, south, and north, the entire city was surrounded by walls. However, there was one thing different from what Iris had said. It was the holy magic. The entire city had the holy magic 『Creature Leave』 applied on it, centering around the cathedral. To maintain magic in this large of a range was impossible with the power of a person. Perhaps they were using a strong magic tool. This magic reacted to evil

power, so let's cancel the evil magic that I was also developing. It'd be unpleasant if I was repelled at the entrance. If I cut off my evil power completely, I could enter normally. Well, I guess that was impossible for genuine evil tribes.

I wonder if Eris knew about this holy magic. Let's not say it now. But, I could solve one mystery. There was holy magic being applied on the entire city, evil tribes couldn't enter. So, I guess they manipulated humans, transferred Eris to the big forest with transfer magic, and tried to kill her in there.

And in Sphereart, one thing that could be said was that the security was far more strict than the royal capital. This holy magic hadn't been applied on the royal capital. I wonder, was there some kind of reason?

“Onee-sama, Finn-ane, I'm getting a little nervous. Can we enter normally?” (Iris)

“It's all right, Eris doesn't have a guild card, but if you explain it like how I said earlier, you can enter.” (Akane) It seemed that our turn had come. Finn and I handed over our guild cards, held our hands out to the crystal ball, and passed safely. In regards to Eris, it was set as ‘in the middle of a journey with her family, they were attacked and her family was killed, but only she survived somehow, and when she became too hungry and collapsed, she was rescued by me’. The guard, while thinking it was unfortunate, let Eris pass.

“It's a little bad for the guard.” (Iris)

“What are you saying, Eris, isn't it half-correct? After subjugating the evil tribes, you ate lunch that I made with frightening momentum, didn't you?” (Akane)

“Ah, that's because Onee-sama's lunch was too delicious. Especially the fried chicken, I want to eat it again.” (Iris)

“You understand, Eris! Fried chicken is something superb, isn’t it? If you go to the Possible Roof in the royal capital, you can eat it. Moreover, what Master made isn’t just fried chicken. After a bit longer, I think it will spread to the entire royal capital.” (Finn)

I felt that they were exaggerating quite a lot. Say what you like, it would take around half a year.

“Finn-ane, is it true! Onee-sama, even right now, I want to go to the royal capital.” (Iris)

“You’re deciding it in vain. At least, wait one week. If you do, then I’ll take you.” (Akane)

“One *week*! I understand. I’ll look forward to it.” (Iris)

Iris was also pleased with fried chicken, huh. Was it because it was a staple menu for a child? If it spread in the royal capital, it would also come to Sphereart soon.

“Then, let’s go to the adventurer’s guild for now.” (Akane)

It was nice that we were able to infiltrate successfully, but how do we move from here?

1. Collect information on the missing Iris event, and understand the current situation
2. Strengthen Finn and Iris
3. Grasp and capture the people manipulated by the evil tribe
4. Subjugate the evil tribe involved

Maybe points like these. The seal of the Evil King was weakening seemingly also in Finn’s case², so I guess the evil tribes are starting to move actively to prepare for that. To the evil tribes, both Finn and Iris were existences that were hindrances.

Well, let’s start gathering information first.

Chapter 5 – To the Cathedral

When we arrived at the adventurer’s guild and entered inside, there wasn’t anyone other than the person in charge. “Eh, what is this?”, I asked the male receptionist for a reason.

“You just arrived today, huh? Then, it’s natural you don’t know. An

emergency quest was made public today. The reward is 100 gold coins.” (Receptionist)

“One hundred coins! What are the request’s contents?” (Iris)

“The search for Iris-sama, our saint of Sphereism. It seems that 3 days have passed since she went missing. It appears that in the beginning, only the knights of Sphereism searched but they didn’t find her, and on the third day, an emergency request came to the adventurer’s guild.” (Receptionist)

I see, so all the adventurers were searching for Iris because of that?

“Are they searching outside of the city as well?” (Iris)

“Of course they are. But, at present, there are zero clues. Wherever Iris-sama is, everyone is worrying about her. If you find Iris-sama, please bring her back to the cathedral immediately.” (Receptionist)
After that, upon hearing the recommended inn, we left the adventurer’s guild.

“Onee-sama! It’s become a serious thing. I, will return.” (Iris)

Did she know about the city’s holy magic, or was she trying to guide?

“It’s no good. If you go back in your current situation of not knowing anything yet, you’ll be killed by the evil tribe.

Probably, the evil tribe cannot enter inside this city. That’s why, it manipulated humans, transferred you, and tried to kill you in the big forest. If you return now, you will allow them to transfer you to an even further place.” (Akane)

“U, certainly, based on the history of this town, there hasn’t been even one time where an evil tribe invaded so far. It is surrounded with walls bestowed with magic and evil magic resistance on all sides, so it’s strong. —I understand, I’ll endure it.” (Finn)

She didn’t lie, huh. She didn’t know about the holy magic? What about other people? I wonder if the Pope, who was in the top position of Sphereism, would know. Next time, let’s try invading the cathedral and pressing him with questions.

Just kidding.

When we went close to the inn, there was a blacksmith.

“Finn, Eris, it’s bad when we’re tired, but let’s go to the blacksmith first. We need to have weapons made, okay?”

(Akane)

“Is it Master’s sword?” (Finn)¹

“It’s Finn’s mithril claws. 『Thunder Fang』 is more powerful than I thought. If it remains as is, though there are also spare iron claws, they’ll break in a few more times. Let’s have it made as soon as possible.” (Akane)

“Is that okay!? Thank you very much!” (Finn)

When we entered the blacksmith, a dwarf couple was there. The bearded-man was Dolk, and the woman was called Irumi—they were an intimate couple. Completing each other’s self introductions, we broke into the important matters immediately.

“Dolk-san, I want you to make Finn’s claw using this mithril.” (Akane)

“Hou, for this child to use? Hmm, let me see both hands. Hmm, they’ve been trained quite a bit. What she is using now is this iron claw? This won’t last long. It seems she can use a considerably powerful technique.” (Dolk)

“How long will it take?” (Akane)

“Oh yeah, even if I start now, it’ll take about 3 days. But, if I borrow this iron claw, I’ll understand the center of gravity and habits of Finn’s hand, so I can do more precise things, but what will you do?” (Dolk)
Three days, huh? Splendid, it could be done quickly.

“I understand. There’s spare iron claws, so I’ll hand them over.”
(Akane) I handed over 10 gold coins in advance payment, said my thanks to Dolk-san and Irumi-san, and left the blacksmith.

We arriving at the inn—our goal—and entered our room. Thereupon, Iris immediately fell asleep, perhaps from feeling exhausted.

“Eris was tired, huh. It’s understandable. Um——” (Finn)

I blocked Finn’s mouth with my left hand. And then, I put my right hand’s index finger on my own mouth.

“You mustn’t say more than that. The manipulated people might be listening attentively somewhere.” (Akane) She nodded silently, so I

removed my hand.

“Sorry, Master.” (Finn)

“Iris is also sleeping, so I’ll say it to only Finn. About why evil tribes haven’t attacked this city until now.” (Akane)

“Eh, is it because the defense and magic (evil magic) resistance is strong?” (Finn)

“There’s nothing like that. If you use powerful evil magic, you can break the walls, and it’s possible to invade from the skies. There is only one cause as to why evil tribes cannot invade: the holy magic 『Creature Leave』 is being applied to the entire city.” (Akane)

“Eh, but, then isn’t it strange that Eris doesn’t know? Moreover, if no evil tribes can invade, then they can’t manipulate human beings with evil magic?” (Finn)

“It’s likely an absolute secret. It may have only been circulated to the top position guys of Sphereism. If it’s made public, there’s a possibility it will be used by some kind of villain, and ordinary citizens will be less vigilant towards the evil tribes. Iris is also the saint, but she may have not been spoken to because she’s still eleven years old. Regarding the matter of the evil tribe, I can’t say anything yet. There’s the possibility that some kind of problem occurred in the holy magic 『

Creature Leave』.” (Akane)

“You need to investigate for a little while, right? What are you going to do today?” (Finn)

“Finn, rest here with Eris. You’re also pretty fatigued from fighting the goblin knight. If you fall into danger, pray silently for me. Since I’ll come running with the space-time magic 『Instantaneous Movement』.” (Akane) By the way, the space-time magic 『Instantaneous Movement』 was a short distance movement method, and 『Transfer』

was a long distance movement method.

“Understood. Honestly, I was pretty tired. I’ll behave like a spoiled child² at your words.” (Finn)

“I’ll try to go to the cathedral once. There seems to be a section that even ordinary people can enter, I’ll lightly gather information. Since how the evil tribe will move from now on isn’t known. There’s a possibility that I won’t return until dinner, so I’ll give you some money just in case.” (Akane)

I went out of the inn, separating from Finn and Iris, and headed towards the cathedral. Nevertheless, I wonder why an evil tribe could manipulate humans using evil magic, despite there being holy magic. A considerably powerful magic tool would be needed to control holy magic as wide as this. Perhaps, a coming apart at the seams occurred in the magic tool itself, and maybe it weaved through that gap and used evil magic. In that case, I had to repair the magic tool, but I didn’t know the crucial information of where it was installed. They were skillfully hiding something, huh. The purpose of the evil tribe at Sphereart, perhaps concurrent with the destruction of that magic tool, was to erase the Saint Iris, and the fall of Sphereart. Fortunately, the other party, thinking that they killed Iris, should concentrate on the destruction of the magic tool. I also had to grasp the location the magic tool was installed and repair it quickly. The quickest and easiest way was to kidnap the Pope—the top position of Sphereism—and threaten him, and then just ask the place that it was installed, but if I did that, then I’d be no different from the evil tribe.

At any rate, every adventurer was looking for Iris, huh? They’d move when it came to 100 gold coins. Ah, let’s try asking the street vendor over there, the elderly woman, about the current situation. It was with trouble, let’s buy some fruit as well.

“Oo, thank you for buying like this, Miss.” (Vendor)

“I don’t really understand the situation as I just came here today, but are all the adventurers looking for someone?”

(Akane)

“Aah, it’s Iris-sama. She’s been missing since 3 days ago. And today, the Chivalric Order submitted an emergency request to the adventurer’s guild. Although, I don’t want to say something like this, but Iris-sama already——” (Vendor) This person, she *knew* something.

“Do you know something?” (Akane)

“Aah, I saw it with my own eyes. Iris-sama was praying to the morning chapel every day without fail. Just that day, I was praying

the chapel as well. Then, Iris suddenly disappeared before my eyes. There were also several people besides me who saw it.” (Vendor)

It matched with what Eris had said. The problem, was after that.

“Did anyone take actions different than normal after Iris-sama disappeared?” (Akane)

“Actions different than normal? Umm, that’s right, if anything, I guess Priest-sama. Iris-sama’s escort came to inform Priest-sama in a hurry, but he snickered the moment he came to the place Iris-sama disappeared from. It was only for a moment, but it was strange, why did he laugh? Please don’t tell this to anyone, okay?” (Vendor) He snickered, huh? I didn’t know whether he aware of it or it was unconsciously, but that priest was definitely being manipulated. Let’s go meet him once.

“Thank you very much, Oba-sama. I’ll also go meet with Priest-sama once and ask about the situation. I won’t say Oba-sama’s thing, so please don’t worry.” (Akane)

A few situations where Iris disappeared were seen. Let’s go to the cathedral.

This place was the cathedral, huh? It was an earth-shatteringly elegant building. It was similar to things built in Europe. I wonder if the chapel that ordinary people could enter was here. When I went it, there were pictures drawn on the surroundings walls, and a large statue of the goddess Sphere? on the center altar. *Uwa~*, what a beautiful person. I wonder, was this the goddess Sphere? The place Iris disappeared from was the altar directly below that statue, huh. Hmm, as expected, I guess there weren’t any traces.

“Oh my, this is a pretty miss. Can I do something for you in the chapel?” (???) Ah, this person was the priest? A male in his 60’s, and his mouth and chin beard really suited him. I guess he was a gentlemaned person.

“It’s nice to meet you, Priest-sama, I’m called Sasha. I arrived in this town today, but I heard Iris-sama was missing, so I wanted to come to ask about the story.” (Akane)

This person, there was no mistake. He was being manipulated by the evil tribe. Strange lines were connected to him on top of his head. It could hardly be seen by normal people. The priest himself was a

human being, but his complexion was unusually pale and didn't have ambition. I knew he was also tired from searching for Iris, but he had no life. Probably, he had been receiving the evil tribe's brainwashing for a long time.

An evil magic that brainwashed the opponent existed. The name was 『Brainwash』. However, this evil magic didn't pass on people with strong resistance. For Finn, the resistance was probably dropped by Sophia Allenthal's love being taking advantage of and used, and then 『Brainwash』 was used.

“My goodness, thank you so much. Currently, the Chivalric Order and adventurers are earnestly searching, but unfortunately, we haven't found anything like clues.” (???-> Priest)

“Priest-sama, you're face doesn't look too good, but are you all right?” (Akane)

“I'm all right somehow. Recently, I've been having nightmares, and I haven't slept all that much.” (Priest) I see, no matter if he was a priest and his evil tribe resistance was high, if 『Brainwash』 was applied little by little every day, the resistance would weaken as well.

“If you don't mind, may I chant recovery magic? I can handle holy magic.” (Akane)

“Haha, I'll let you attend to me. My body is pretty strong, so please.” (Priest) All right, I got permission. First, I must sever this line. We moved to the priest's room, and I got him to lay down. In the space where his eyes were closed, I cut the line with my hand clad in magical power, and while grabbing that line and using the skill 『Concealment』 magically, I compressed the holy magic 『Holy Bolt』 so that it couldn't be seen and shot it into it. 『Holy Bolt』 was lightning which held the holy attribute. If I used it normally, then this building would be completely destroyed, I think. With this, one evil tribe was subjugated. If that was true, then I'd like to follow the severed line, but my priority was human life.

“Then, I'll chant recovery magic, okay? 『Max Heal』 ” (Akane)

The priest's body shone, and both his physical strength and mind recovered completely.

“This is...Max Heal! I know it, I know it. All my strength is recovering. Something like this—that there are users other than Saint-sama is——Sasha——thank you.” (Priest)

Huh? His tone was different some time ago, but his mind had recovered, so this was the original Priest-sama, I guess.

Even his expression had changed from a gentle one to a dignified one. He changed this much!

Well, whatever. I was able to acquire Priest-sama's trust with this.

Let's advance the story.

Chapter 6 – The Aim of the Evil Tribes

“Sasha, my self introduction was delayed. I am called Moore Carp. I never thought I'd recover with 『Max Heal』 .

Thanks to you, I completely recovered. I'm full of power.” (Priest->Moore) There was no one in the surroundings of this room. From here, let's apply 『Silent』 .

“Though I understood by chanting recovery magic, I found out the origin of Priest Moore's dreams. Priest Moore was manipulated by an evil tribe. The contents of your dream are things related to Iris-sama, aren't they?” (Akane)

“What, by an evil tribe! Hmmmm, certainly, in the dream there was a magic square on the altar somewhere, and lately I saw several people including me chanting everyday.” (Moore)

Because that wasn't a dream, it was reality. Moreover, he remembered it fairly clearly, huh? He had more resistance than normal people, so he remembered it halfway.

“When I saw you, there was a strange line connected to the top of your head. The evil tribes, with some kind of method, connected to your mind, and have been applying the evil magic 『Brainwash』 .” (Akane) I thought he'd probably understand with this.

“What, 『Brainwash』 !? Wait a second. I thought ‘no way’, but what you said just now——” (Moore)

“Yes, it was something that happened in reality, not in a dream. Perhaps, when you were sleeping, they manipulated you, and you were doing something. I think it's tough for you, but can you tell me?” (Akane)

After Priest Moore calmed down, he spoke about what he had thought

to be a dream and the situation at the time of Iris went missing.

1) At midnight, six people (Priest Moore included) appeared to have gathered at the chapel's altar, and had chanted something. Due to all six of these people covering themselves with hoods, who they were wasn't known. He had seen this dream for nearly the last three weeks.

2) When he heard that Iris disappeared from the chapel's altar, he snickered without knowing why. Not even he himself knew the reason.

With this, it was confirmed that there was someone manipulating at least five people more.

“Thinking about it from the situation, the magic used on Iris-sama is 『Transfer』 . If so, it explains why she vanished in the chapel.”
(Akane)

“What, 『Transfer』 ? For us humans, something like *that* is a legendary magic, and shouldn't be able to be used by anyone” (Moore)

“That's just for humans, there should be evil tribes who can use it. It's also possible to use the invocation method with magical power or evil power, so this time the magical power of six humans were used.”

(Akane) When I looked at Priest Moore, he was haggard. Well, although he was manipulated, the one who transferred Iris was he himself, so I guess it was natural. It appeared that I could trust this person. Let's speak of the matter of Iris being safe, and the things from now on.

“Priest Moore, the things from here are important. It's information that can relieve you.” (Akane)

“What, information that can relieve me?” (Moore)

“Yeah, Iris-sama is alive. Currently, I am protecting her.” (Akane)

“What~~! Really! You are!?” (Moore)

“Yes, I'll tell you the detailed matters, so please calm down.” (Akane)

I told the sequence of events so far from when I came across Iris to Priest Moore.

After listening from start to finish, Priest Moore was overcome with surprise.

“What! A transfer to that large forest? She was being chased by B and C-class evil tribes, and Sasha and others discovered her by chance and subjugated them? You treated Iris-sama’s injuries, you used a magic tool of disguise, now she’s in the middle of resting? You’re telling a story I wouldn’t believe at all if it was normally. Well, I wouldn’t have believed you if it wasn’t for that 『Max Heal』.” (Moore)

Good, he believed me.

“So, is Iris-sama well?” (Moore)

“Yeah, she’s fine. But, currently, she’s sleeping from the tiredness of the journey. Is it alright if I bring her here tomorrow?” (Akane)

“That isn’t a problem, but is it okay? Isn’t there a possibility that the disguise will be exposed?” (Moore)

“First, there’s no possibility it’ll be exposed. Until we arrived at the inn, we passed through everyone like normal. In addition, when she is disguised, she’s called Eris. Priest Moore, please do not tell this to anyone at all, okay? Because currently, we don’t know who the remaining five people are. Please be careful when you come into contact with people as well.” (Akane)

If they came to know that Iris was alive here, the situation would become complicated.

“Fufu, I understand. Acting is my speciality.^A Then, once the matter is resolved, I’d like you to tell me who you are, Onee-san. Onee-san’s power isn’t C-class, I can sense more than that.” (Moore)

“Fufu, I’m just an adventurer. What can be said for sure is that I’m an ally of Iris-sama. Today, I’ll excuse myself with this for now. At nine in the morning tomorrow, I’ll visit here.” (Akane)

I cancelled Silent, and returned to the inn after parting from Priest Moore.

“Oh, both of you have woken up, huh? How do you feel?” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, it’s perfect. I got much better.” (Iris)

“Master, thanks to sleeping a lot, I also feel at ease.” (Finn)

It seemed like both Finn and Iris had recovered a lot.

“Well then, shall we eat dinner afterwards?” (Akane)

“”Yes!”” (Finn + Iris)

After dinner, we returned to the room and I told them about meeting with Priest Moore.

“Then, six people were manipulated by the evil tribes, and they made me transfer to that big forest? And one of them was Priest Moore?” (Iris)

“Yeah, regarding him, he’s fine already. I completely severed the connection with the evil tribes, and also told him about the evil tribes, so he shouldn’t be manipulated anymore.” (Akane)

“Thank goodness, I’m relieved.” (Iris)

“Let’s go to the Priest’s room in the chapel at nine in the morning tomorrow. We have to talk about the matters from now on.” (Akane)

“”Yes!”” (Finn + Iris)

○○○ The Viewpoint of Some Evil Tribes

This place, was inside of a cave several kilometres away from Sphereart.

What’s happening! Suddenly, really suddenly, Dorion died. Even among us evil dragons, he was someone quite tenacious.

The bastard, who had both strong physical and magical resistance, was burned to nothing by a white lightning magic which we don’t know where from it came. How did this happen. Who the hell killed him? No presences of humans were sensed in this area. There shouldn’t be something like a human accurately perceiving us this far at a long distance. What bastard did it!

“Oi oi, don’t lose your temper, Jake. Well, you and Dorion did have a good relationship. But, Dorion made a blunder. It can’t be helped, I guess. Fortunately, our hideout wasn’t exposed, and we’re alllll right.” (???) This guy, despite Dorion being killed, why was he easy-going like this?

“Oi, Cazak, our friend was killed, how can you have such a composed face?” (Jake)

“That’s because it’s a war. With the races other than the evil tribes. In a war, if you think about each and every friends’

deaths, you will lose your will to fight. Our mission is to annihilate every race other than the evil tribes, and deliver those souls to Evil King-sama. We killed the saint Iris. That brat, she didn’t have a divine protection, but she didn’t come out even one step from Sphereart, which is surrounded by holy magic. Due to that, although making a plan to kill her was fine, the humans we brainwashed resisted more than we thought and couldn’t assassinate her, and in the end, as a result of performing a transfer to the big forest, we killed her, though it took about three months. Well, let’s decide to blame all the humans. The attack this time was unforeseen.” (???-> Cazak)

Chi, he gave a sound argument. However, it was an extreme view. This was a war that had been going on since one thousand years ago. Even if I was thinking about each and every friend that died, it was inevitable.

“Cazak, has the installation place of the holy magic magic tool been discovered?” (Jake)

“The rough place. But, to completely narrow it down, a bit more time is needed. There’s a shot if we can brainwash that Pope, but precisely because he’s the Pope, his mental resistance is too high. Well, if we have six more days, we’ll know the location and will probably be able to destroy it. Once we do that, it’s a fierce attack surrounding all sides. We can kill as many humans as we want to.” (Cazak)

“*Chi*, patience for six more days?” (Jake)

Whatever. If we could make our desired Sphereart fall in six more days, I’d attack the enemy then. The saint Iris was killed already. If we removed this place, the holy ground where the goddess Sphere was said to have gone down to, the humans, beastmen, elves, and dwarves would fall into despair. First, we’d kill the humans in Sphereart, and send them to Evil King-sama. The humans probably didn’t know. That thanks to them, the seal almost didn’t have any meaning anymore. After all this, it was too late even if they summoned heroes from a parallel world.

Kukuku, a little bit more, and the age of us evil tribes would begin.

Chapter 7 – Discussion with Priest Moore

Nine in the morning the next day, we came to the chapel in the

cathedral. Priest Moore was praying at the altar, and believers were also in the surroundings.

“You’re on time. You guys, the women here are my visitors. We’ll talk about our jobs in my room for a little while, so don’t let anyone come near. Okay?” (Moore)

The believers quietly nodded, and returned to their own stations. When we entered the priest’s room, I applied 『Silent』.

Perhaps Eris was enduring until now, because as soon as she entered the room she clung to Priest Moore, and started crying.

“Moore-jii¹, it was scary~~. Suddenly, I was transferred to the large forest, and I was chased by evil tribes, it was terrible~” (Iris)

Priest Moore, who was clung to, was splendidly surprised. He had a facial expression that screamed ‘Who is this child?’.

“I chanted 『Silent』, so it’s okay to say Iris’s name.” (Akane)

“I see, that’s helpful. ——So, Sasha, I’m thinking ‘there’s no way’, but this child is Iris-sama? Isn’t her appearance, figure, and presence completely different?” (Moore)

“Iris, remove the necklace. As you are, no one will recognize you.” (Akane)

“Ah, ehehe, Onee-sama, I forgot.” (Iris)

“*Heh?* Onee-sama?” (Moore)

“From when I saved Iris, she’s been calling me that.” (Akane)

When she removed the necklace, she returned to her original appearance, to Iris.

“I-, I-, Iris-sama, *u, uuu*, thank goodness you’re safe.” (Moore) The two people hugged, and shared their joy. At times like these, it was best to look while silent. It looked like Finn knew as well.

After a while, the two both calmed down, and Priest Moore began to talk.

“Sasha, thank you for saving Princess Finn and Iris-sama.” (Moore)

“The news about Finn is moving across the entire world already?”
(Akane)

“Ah, just recently, a messenger arrived from Rhedenburg. It was discovered that ‘currently, Princess Finn is heading towards Rhedenburg with an adventurer as a guard’. And that ‘the guard is Sasha’.” (Moore)

“The details of Finn’s going missing and the current situation have been conveyed by Rhedenburg and the king of this country. Before long, the evil tribes will also notice and might search for Finn. Well, even if they find her, I’ll subjugate all of them.” (Akane)

“You say it so simplyyy. Well, when Sasha says strange things, it’s persuasive.” (Moore) Well, I had to talk about the future

“So, regarding the matters from now on, I’d like you to identify the five remaining brainwashed people, Priest Moore.”

(Akane)

“What, me? I don’t know how to ascertain them.” (Moore)

That was simple. I taught Iris and Priest Moore the way to clad magical power in the same way I taught Finn. The both of them were able to learn it in about one hour since the levels of their ‘Magical Power Circulation’ and ‘Magical Power Manipulation’ were high. But, when I looked at Finn, she was dispirited

“Finn, what’s wrong?” (Akane)

“Uuu, Master, when I memorized 『Magical Power Cladding』, it took me a full day to reach level three. And yet, the two of them reached level three in an hour. Am, I not talented?” (Finn)

Ah, it was like that, huh? Just in case, let’s back her up.

“Iris and Priest Moore are both magicians, and their skill levels of Magical Power Circulation and Magical Power Manipulation are also high. Their memorizing it quickly is natural. In Finn’s case, only about four days passed until you reached level three Magical Power Cladding from your state of level one Magical Power Circulation and Magical Power Manipulation. You have plenty of talent.” (Akane)

“That’s right. Princess Finn, don’t feel sad. At any rate, the skill called 『Magical Power Cladding』 is amazing. When I’m using it, I

know that my power is rising. Until now, no one had noticed this skill. Sasha, will you announce it to the world?" (Moore)

"I won't do it. Because if I make a huge announcement in the world, the evil tribes will notice and use it immediately.

However, I intend to propagate it bit by bit. Even now, I taught it to you, Priest Moore, didn't I? If it's the heroes of a parallel world who were summoned to this country, it should be useable." (Akane)

"I see, bit by bit, huh? Certainly, that might be better. If I concentrate this 『Magical Power Cladding』 on my eyes, will I know who is being brainwashed?" (Moore)

"Yes, there's a line of evil power attached to the top of their head as a sign. If you tell me, I'll sever it." (Akane) Taking the opportunity, I'd also drive in holy magic through the line. Oh, Priest Moore was pondering something.

"Hmmm, evil tribes shouldn't be able to invade this city. How did they do it?" (Moore) If I said that thing here, it would be transmitted to Iris, but perhaps he'd say 'she should know it sooner or later'?

"Priest Moore, the evil tribes have three goals. The first is the erasure of Iris, the second is the destruction of the large magic tool using the holy magic covering the entire city, and the third is the fall of Sphereart." (Akane)

"Onee-sama, what is the 'magic tool of holy magic'?" (Iris)

"Sasha, how do you know about that! It's something top-secret not known by anyone but priests or those higher." (Moore)

"Once I searched for signs across the city, I understood. It was cleverly hidden, but I soon realized that the holy magic 『

Creature Leave』 was being applied." (Akane)

"W-, whatttt! Even though it was thoroughly kept in absolute secrecy, you saw through it easily. Ah, it can't be helped anymore." (Moore)

Priest Moore resigned, and told Iris about the holy magic large magic tool. It seemed that, from the start, he planned to tell Iris once she became an adult.

"Priest Moore, if you don't protect that magic tool, the evil tribes will

descend on this town when it's destroyed." (Akane)

"I know. First of all, regarding the magic tool, it's fine. For example, even if they specified the location, the holy magic 『

Holy Field』 is always being deployed. The only one who can remove this is Pope-sama. Anyway, it won't be destroyed.

And, even in the worse case, it can be considered. How about specifying the remaining five people quickly?" (Moore)

『Holy Field』 was the superior version of 『Creature Leave』. As expected, this magic couldn't be included in the large magic tool. But, if it was being deployed in the installation place, was it safe?

"Priest Moore, it's that large magic tool, I think there's some kind of flaw occurring. For the evidence, six people were brainwashed. Perhaps, the evil tribes noticed it quickly, and are commencing this time." (Akane)

"——A flaw? Everyday inspections were done constantly, but from the magic tool. If the matter this time is solved, what should be done if it isn't repaired quickly?" (Moore)

A repair? If it was done now, 『Holy Field』 would be released, so the evil tribes would aim for that without fail.

"Onee-sama, how about you tell Pope-sama? That person is strong. He hasn't been brainwashed or anything like that by the evil tribes." (Iris)

Pope-sama, huh. If it came to telling him, I had to tell everything as far as Iris's survival. Naturally, my existence would also come to light. Currently, there was no clear evidence he was being aimed at by the evil tribes. If there was definite evidence, it would probably be okay.

But, if I made that choice in the current situation, I would be made out as Iris's kidnapper, put in jail, and when everyone was relieved, the future where the evil tribes would descend upon this town would be seen. Perhaps I'd be used in a power struggle. I didn't have a future vision skill, perhaps I read light novels too much?

"That's rejected. If I told it to Pope-sama, the possibility it'll be known by the surrounding nobles automatically is high.

There isn't any clear evidence as it is right now, and I'll probably be used in a power struggle. At least, it's fine if we have strong allies

other than Priest Moore.” (Akane)

“A power struggle? What is that?” (Iris)

Iris, you still didn’t understand?

“Though there are parts I want to deny, the possibility it’ll really become like that is high. Since Pope-sama is seventy-five, who will be his successor is being sought after. I understand, I’ll try to search by myself. Fortunately, the evil tribes only get going at night, when me and the rest are sleeping. Then, it’s fine even if I’m by myself. However, what will you do, Sasha?” (Moore)

“There’s no mistake that the evil tribes will attack before long, so I’ll intensively train Finn and Iris. Fortunately, the two historic ruins are D-class and C-class, perfect places for intensive training. Finn and Iris will be targeted by evil tribes in the future as well, so they themselves must become stronger.” (Akane)

“There’s a reason. Iris-sama’s unique skill will become essential even in battles after this. I understand, I’ll leave it to you, Sasha. I’ll rely on you two.” (Moore)

“Yes, please leave it to me. Priest Moore, please indirectly convey the matter of the evil tribe’s attack to the guild head of the adventurer’s guild. There not being adventurers here when they attack would be troubling, so please do it.” (Akane)

“I understand, I’ll tell them.” (Moore)

“Well then, after Iris’s weapon and armor are ready, we’ll go to the historic ruins.” (Akane) Yes, Onee-sama, it’s my first time going to the historic ruins. I’m looking forward to it.” (Iris)

“Master, I will become even stronger.” (Finn)

With the plans for the future decided, we left the chapel.

Chapter 8 – Exploration of the D-class Historical Ruins

After purchasing and getting Eris’s weapons and armor ready, we immediately came to the D-class historical ruins in the outskirts of Sphereart.

“Now, we’ll finally enter into the historical ruins. This time, the subjugation of the evil tribes in the historical ruins is the priority, so

actively defeat them. Now, let's depart!" (Akane)

"Yes!!" (Finn + Iris)

When we entered the historical ruins, five goblins came into sight at once. Finn insta-killed two, and Eris similarly insta-killed two with 『Fire Pellet』. The remaining one was cut into two with a single slice of my sword. Hmm, goblins weren't big experience points.

"Eris, when you use 『Pellet-type』 magic, make all the pellets in a pointed shape and apply rotation to them. A feeling like this, 『Ice Pellet』." (Akane)

Chanting Ice Pellet, I stopped the balls in that place while keeping the shape long and narrow and applying rotation.

"Onee-sama, you're amazing. It looks like it's stopped midway, but its shape is pointed and it's also rotating entirely."

(Iris)

In opportune timing, two wind wolves came out.

"What a perfect timing. First, this is the ordinary version." (Akane)

All of the pellet balls hit the wolf, and it died.

"This is the rotating version." (Akane)

The instant it was hit, big holes opened up here and there in the wind wolf's body, and it died.

"They both died, but as you can see, the power is completely different. Let's name the rotating version 『Ice Rifle』. With your current skill level, you should be able to do it without any problems." (Akane) Eris * *yep, yep** nodded her head while her eyes sparkled.

"Onee-sama, you're amazing. I hadn't thought of that at all. I'll try to do it immediately." (Iris)

"Finn as well, when you use martial arts, slightly rotate your fist when you hit your opponent. If you do that, your power will rise. Experts should do this without fail." (Akane)

"Yes!" (Finn)

I gave advice while they subjugated evil tribes such as goblins (F-

class), goblin lords (D-class), and orcs (D-class), and while teaching them ways to avoid traps and things like that, we steadily advanced downward. How I managed to do these things was because, when I was in the castle, I was able to read all the books about skills, magic, traps, etc. I also studied in the mental world, and we were advancing easily. Well, this was D-class. I watched closely for if there was information about the goddess Sphere, but there was nothing at all. Even if there was some, for example, it was only information I knew. Eventually, we came to the underground's tenth floor—the lowest layer—in the blink of an eye in about six hours while repeatedly taking breaks. The second we entered the room, the way to the passage was blocked, and escaping became impossible. And, what appeared was,

2 goblin lords (D-class), 2 orcs (D-class), and one orc lord (C-class Boss).

“A boss room? Finn, you defeat the orc lord. It's a bit stronger than the goblin knight last time. But, if it's you, you'll be fine.” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Finn)

“Eris, the two goblin lords. If it's the current you, there won't be a problem.” (Akane)

“Yes, Onee-sama, please leave it to me!” (Iris)

We entered battle preparations.

○○○ Iris's Point of View

D-class goblin lords, normally, they'd be scary opponents. But, I was taught 『Magical Power Cladding』 by Onee-sama, I knew I could fight sufficiently even if I was alone. But, negligence was forbidden. My numeric values other than magical power were much lower. This, was a ‘victory goes to the one who makes the first move’ battle.

Onee-sama had said ‘Don't rely on existing magic’. She also had said ‘There are drawbacks in every magic, so improve it yourself with trial and error’. Yes, it was something I had wanted until now. So far, I had asked Moore-jii and Pope-sama questions about magic, but both of their replies were the same ‘because it is a magic like that’. Onee-sama taught me before I said it. I had also thought about the way to use pellet-type, but it wasn't successful at all. Onee-sama solved it in one go. I'd try to live up to Onee-sama's expectations.

“First, 『Stone Pellet』 ” (Iris)

Concentrating magical power on the staff, I made several pellets in a long and narrow pointed shape, added rotation, and—

—released it.

“Go! 『Stone Rifle』 ” (Iris)

When the goblin lords came this way, I released the magic. Then, impacting several times faster than my previous pellets, they opened up holes here and there in the bodies of the two goblin knights. ——
No way, I had heard they couldn’t be killed unless you chanted it three times, but I was able to kill them in a single blow.

When I looked at Onee-sama, she killed the orcs before I knew it, and looked this way.

“Iris, you did good. It looks like you were able to master it immediately, huh.” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Finn)

I did it~, I was praised by Onee-sama. Oh, yeah, what about Finn-ane?

The moment I looked, Finn-ane directly received a blow due to the orc lord’s devoted spear, and was blown off.

○○○ Finn’s Point of View

Haa, haa, the orc lord was strong. That spear was especially troublesome. He wouldn’t let me slip into his chest at all.

“GUAAAA——”

Ah, the orc lord thrust its spear consecutively. *Ku*, it was fast. I somehow guarded to my chest. At that time. My foot tripped on a protrusion of the ground, and my body staggered. The orc lord couldn’t overlook that. ——This was bad! I instantly guarded with the forearm part of my iron claws, and concentrated magical power on my arm. Then, a great shock came, and I was blown off.

I managed to stand up, but how would I kill it? How? At that time, I heard Onee-sama’s big voice.

“Finn, every creature has a weak spot. If you attack that spot, it’ll certainly destroy its stance. Don’t give up, look closely at the orc lord’s movements. The current you should be able to see through it.”

(Akane) Every creature had a weak spot? If I attacked that spot, its posture could be destroyed? Calm down, me. Teacher was saying that, to search without giving up. ——First, I’d observe its movements. Then, the orc lord charged, and came mowing down with his spear. It was quite quick in that huge body. When I avoided the spear, a gap was made on the orc lord’s left arm.

“There!” (Finn)

He avoided a direct hit, but I gave him a small wound. Now, it was fine with this.

For a bit, it became a stalemate.

“Haa, haa, haa.” (Finn)

“Gururu~”

Speaking clearly, I was at a disadvantage. If it remained like this, I wouldn’t have physical strength. The orc lord also probably knew that. Again, it thrust consecutively with its spear. But, it was strange. It had less sharpness than before.

What was wrong? When I looked closely, it was bleeding from its left elbow. That place was where I had slashed at. But, it shouldn’t have been a problem if it was just that, so why?

——No way, the joint! I see, the orc lord also had joints, the same as us. If I scratched those places, its movements would grow dull for sure. First, I’d knock about the joints of its arms thoroughly. I continued to attack the joints of his arms at every little opportunity. Then, the attacks which were sharp until some time ago suddenly were becoming dull.

And, the orc lord finally dropped its spear. Now! I concentrated magical power on my right iron claw, and thrust it. The orc lord switched to martial arts and released a sharp thrust at me, but I avoided this and got on top of his arms. And——

“It ends with this. HAAA~~, 『Thunder Fang』 ” (Finn)

I drove Thunder Fang into the orc lord’s face. It beautifully sliced its head, and the orc lord died. Hooray, I was able to kill it somehow. If it

wasn't for Master's advice, I might have died

"Master~~, I did it~~! Thank you very much for the advice." (Finn)

"Nicely done, I think you probably would have noticed even if I hadn't said it." (Akane)

"I wouldn't have. I was just thinking about entering its chest." (Finn)

"A frontal attack is also fine, but it's also important to change tactics occasionally. Acquire a more flexible way of thinking." (Akane)

"Yes!" (Finn)

Akane

○○○ Protagonist's Point of View

Eris had an easy victory, and Finn's was a narrow one, huh. Yup, it was growing into a pleasant feeling. I chanted 『High Heal』 on Finn, and after a fifteen minute break, we went into the passage we saw before.

When we went through the passage, there was a big room, and there was a statue of the goddess Sphere on the center altar.

“Onee-sama, it seems that up until five years ago, if you prayed at this statue, your physical strength and magical power were recovered. Now, that effect has disappeared, and if you pray, it only returns you to the entrance above ground.” (Iris)

Somehow, it felt somewhat like a game. It was an elegant statue, but I didn’t feel anything in particular in it. What worried me was just that the physical strength and magical power recovery ability had disappeared.

“Oh, Master, there’s a jewel on the pedestal of the statue of the goddess.” (Finn)

“I wonder, does this jewel have some kind of meaning?” (Akane)

“Regarding that, even now, it isn’t know what meaning it has.” (Iris)

Iris also came, and the second she touched the jewel, the jewel began to shine.

“Eh, I just touched it, so why! Onee-sama, what should we do!” (Iris)

There wasn’t a change when Finn and I touched it. —maybe, it was because she was the saint! She’d done it now, huh.

And, when the light settled, there was a staircase before our eyes. There was no choice but to descend them, right?

“It seems the mechanism operates when the saint touches it. Both of you, let’s go.” (Akane)

“Why was there was such a device.....ah, please wait. Onee-sama, Finn-ane.” (Iris) After we descended the stairs, there was a huge underground lake. Furthermore, it was very clear and normal. There weren’t any evil tribes, either. Why was there something like this in the historical ruins dungeon? There seemed to be nothing in the surroundings. It was three o’clock, right?

Perfect, let’s take a break. It was mid-afternoon snack time.

Chapter 9 – The Underground Lake

Perfect, let’s take a break. It was time for a mid-afternoon snack.

“Aren’t you both tired? Let’s take a break for now. On this floor, there’s no evil tribes.” (Akane) Once the two confirmed that there were no evil tribes, they collapsed.

“Master, as expected, I’m tired.” (Finn)

“Me too, I’m tired as it’s my first dungeon. Onee-sama, it’s your second time, right? It doesn’t feel like your tired at all.”

(Iris)

“For you two, it’s inevitable. Well, in my case, it’s because this place is a D-rank dungeon. In reality, I’ve used almost no power. Now, it’s snack time. I made sandwiches in the morning. Let’s eat.” (Akane) Who reacted to this greatly was Finn.

“Hooray~~!! Eris, Master’s sandwiches are superb.” (Finn)

“Eh, they are?” (Iris)

The two people began eating the sandwiches at once. And then. Finn had an amazing speed as usual, and Iris’s speed increased as soon as she ate a small piece. You two were really starving, huh?

“The two of you, eat more slowly. It’ll get stuck in your throat.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, even if you say something like that, I cannot stop. It’s too delicious.” (Iris)

“Today, I prepared a new dish. These, are orc cutlet sandwiches.” (Akane)

Both of their eyes locked onto the orc cutlet sandwiches.

“Calm down. There’s up to three per person.” (Akane)

—Twenty minutes later, both Finn and Iris had facial expressions of ecstasy.

“Master, I’m satisfied, I can’t move anymore.” (Finn)

“The same, for me” (Iris)

Well, if you ate that much, you wouldn’t be able to move. I got them to take it easy, and decided to go explore the underground lake.

Unlike the previous floors, there were no passages, and it was wide. Even when I surveyed it, I didn't find anything. ——

Perhaps, there was something inside the underground lake. But, this lake was very clean. Evil power was being refused completely, but I wonder, could I—an evil tribe—enter? Let's put my hand in a little. ——No problems at all. Maybe it would react to evil power? For now, let's turn back.

“Both of you, I tried to look at this floor, but there's nothing in the vicinity. And, what's suspicious is the inside of the underground lake. I'll separate from you guys from now. You two, please watch the situation.” (Akane)

“”Understood. Please be careful.”” (Finn + Iris)

In my underwear, when I looked at the underground lake another time, I realized that the transparency was very high.

Hmm, it looked deep. I suddenly felt eyes on me, so when I looked over my shoulder, the two were fixedly looking at my body. Why were you looking at me like that?

“Hey, what's wrong, you two?” (Akane)

“Master, I also thought it during the bath, but your figure is too good. I'm jealous. My chest is only a little.” (Finn)

“Me too, will I be able to be like Onee-sama?” (Iris)

“You two, after this is your growing season, so you can be like me. Well, I'll be going, okay?” (Akane) It was embarrassing being stared at fixedly that much, so I dived into the underground lake.

Hmm, the water was *really* clear. There was nothing on the surrounding rock walls. Just like the historical ruins, the walls shone faintly, and everything could be seen without obstruction, so it was easy. Let's go to the bottom. ——What's that?

Something was dug in the rock wall.

【Only those with a pure heart, can open the door】

This, would I be alright? For now, let's try to do it. I touched the door, and tried sending out magical power. Then, the door began to shine. It was dazzling, so I closed my eyes, and when I opened them again, I

had moved to another place.

Furthermore, there was no water. I was transferred.

“Where, is this place?” (Akane)

It wasn’t that big of a space.

In front of me, there was a large statue of the goddess Sphere covered in holy magic, and a single sword.

Thereupon, a voice was heard from the statue of the goddess Sphere.

“You who holds power, thank you for coming. I am the goddess Sphere.” (Sphere)

“No way, the goddess Sphere!” (Akane)

“First of all, what I will tell you is that this voice was put into the jewel of the statue of the goddess beforehand, so I cannot have a conversation with you. And, naturally, I probably don’t know who you are. But, those who can open this place are only tribes with a pure heart, so you’re probably on the good side. From now, I will leave you a message. Please listen carefully.” (Sphere)

Wait a minute. She disregarded my circumstances, and kept on talking. In any case, did Sphere record her voice in the jewel to tell some kind of message?

“This parallel world Spherethalia is falling into a serious crisis. Due to someone, the seal of the Evil King has weakened.

The effect of the 『Grudge Purifying』, which is the first outer seal, has disappeared. From now on, grudge will steadily be taken in by the Evil King. And, someday, the Evil King, which has built up even more strength, will break the second seal himself. What I can say now, is that I want you to reseal it as soon as possible. If the current Evil King revives, at worst, the evil god I sealed may also revive. The single sword that I made is in here. This is the same holy sword as the one handed to the hero which was summoned to a parallel world before. With this, please reseal or subjugate the Evil King. The Evil King is an irregular existence completely different from what I made. Even if it is subjugated, it will revive someday, but if there are two holy swords, then it should be possible to subjugate it. Finally, my voice is sealed inside the bottommost layer of the historical ruins which are largely related to me personally in countries all over the world. It is set to

activate a more detailed message than now by the saint touching the goddess statue in the innermost area. Please find the numerous messages, and receive the information from me. If you don't do this, my existence will be sensed by that guy. Saint, and the summoned people of a parallel world, please." (Sphere) It suddenly disconnected. No way, I was able to meet the goddess Sphere, huh. Sorry, that evil god was me. Even Sphere wouldn't have imagined that the evil god would open that door. But, there was one thing different from the message.

Certainly, there was a sword in front of the goddess statue. But, it wasn't a holy sword. Though I found out when I appraised it, an attribute wasn't put into it. It was just an orichalcum sword.

——Could I put in an attribute?

——I thought of something good. In the first place, the holy sword made by Sphere was weak. The Evil King 500 years ago was sealed somehow. Even if one more was added, it didn't look like the Evil King—whose power increased more—

could be sealed. It would be resealed good. If it was like that, I should make this sword stronger. Yes, I should make the divine sword that appeared in a game. If it was the current me, an evil god, I felt like I could make it. This sword was orichalcum, so it could take in quite a lot of my magical power. Fufufu, I'd remodel it. Let's think about the way to remodel it later.

Next, the problem of how to tell the world what this goddess Sphere said. It looked like the same message didn't flow anymore, so I guess I had no choice but to ask Eris? If the saint of Sphere-sama said it, then it could be told to the entire world as 'an oracle from the goddess Sphere'. If it came to not just the discovery of Iris but also the oracle of the goddess Sphere coming in, then, well, it'd be better to tell the pope. Even if those noble guys said something, there was no choice but to make them stay silent against their wills.

Next, she had said that if I didn't do such a troublesome thing, she'd be sensed by that guy, but who was that guy? The goddess Saria? Or, was it a completely different existence? She hadn't said the vital part, so I couldn't think about it.

Anyway, was the goddess Sphere killed by someone, or was she running out of high praise, which one was it?

Well, let's go back to where Finn and Iris were.

I transferred to a different place from the door at the very bottom of the underground lake, to Finn and Eris, and told them everything about the oracle I received from the goddess Sphere without hiding anything. Both of them were dumbfounded at the absurd contests of the oracle.

“Fue~, the first seal was destroyed by someone, and the seal weakened! If the Evil King whose power increased revives, the evil god Sphere-sama sealed herself may revive as well! There really was one, the evil god. No way, what will happen after this?” (Finn)

“The Evil King, and the resurrection of the evil god——Onee-sama, did Sphere-sama tell you its current place?” (Iris)

“No, she didn’t say anything but that the historical ruins largely related to Sphere throughout the world are places where messages are left behind. It seems she was being chased by that big an enemy. Even who that enemy is is unknown.”

(Akane)

“——Sphere-sama. Onee-sama, will you show me the single holy sword?” (Iris)

“It’s this. It’s made with orichalcum, but it’s an ordinary sword which doesn’t have an attribute put into it.” (Akane)

“No way! Why?” (Iris)

“It might mean that she’s being chased by that big of an enemy. Eris, tell it to Priest Moore. Notify the entire world, everyone must have sense of impending crisis.” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Iris)

There seemed to be a calm atmosphere until I returned, but possibly because I had told them shocking details after I returned, both of them became unusually gloomy. Now, how should I act after this?

Perhaps it’d be better if I told Finn, Iris, and Priest Moore about myself. Since the current evil god was me. And the Evil King, I wanted him to be resealed by Sakuragi-kun if he was able to. Even if it revived, at worst, I had no choice but to kill it. However, I couldn’t predict the development after that, so this was a last resort.

The problem was, who was Sphere's enemy? This had to be made clear. As I thought, I had to take Iris and go around to the historical ruins in countries all over the world, huh. But, Eris herself was in the middle of being missing currently, so let's solve the Sphereart's matter first.

Everything was *after* that.

Chapter 10 – The Oracle and Sasha's Confession

The next morning, we went towards the chapel immediately and hoped to have an interview with Priest Moore, but there were visitors inside currently, so we waited for a little while.

—30 minutes later, we were able to meet with Priest Moore. We entered the room, and I applied 『Silent』.

“Priest Moore, yesterday, we went to the D-class historical ruins, and we reached as far as the goddess statue on the bottommost layer.” (Akane)

“What! After talking to me here, you went immediately? From your appearance, there seems to be something.” (Moore) I told all of yesterday's happenings to Priest Moore.

“What do you mean ‘there was an oracle from Sphere-sama’! And ‘the first seal was broken’! It's an emergency situation, and you want to hold a world meeting? Oh, is that the holy sword?” (Moore)

“This is it. There isn't an attribute put into it, so it's an ordinary orichalcum sword.” (Akane)

“To that extent, Sphere-sama is being chased by an unidentifiable enemy? If it comes to not only the Evil King but even the evil god reviving, will the world will end soon?” (Moore)

All three of their moods were sinking to the very bottom. *Fuu*, it looks like I should talk about this, huh.

“The three of you, it's still early to be despairing. At least, that evil god absolutely won't resurrect. Well, in the sense of

‘evil god’, it's been resurrected already.” (Akane)

“Fue, Master, what do you mean? Have you met the evil god?” (Finn)

“Sasha, you know something! On this occasion, I want you to tell me

who you are.” (Moore)

“I understand. Don’t say a word to anyone about what I’ll say now.”
(Akane) I told about myself to the three of them.

1) I was a summoned person from a parallel world.

2) I received Incompetence and 『Free Dream』 from the goddess Saria

3) I was forced to drink the Wicked Heart Medicine by the goddess Saria, and it looked like my body would be hijacked by the evil god

4) Using my skill 『Free Dream』, I ate the evil god

5) By eating the evil god, I became the evil god myself

6) There was a possibility that the goddess Saria would largely sense my existence, so it wasn’t possible to say my real name

7) Absolutely do not say that Sasha was a summoned person of a parallel world While I was telling everything, the three people were staring at me in a daze.

“What a thing. Beyond subjugating the Evil King, you subjugated the evil god!” (Moore)

“Master, you’re too amazing. So *that’s* why you’re so strong.” (Finn)

“But, Onee-sama, if you are that, then right now, you could kill the Evil King?” (Iris)

“Yeah, I was taught where the Evil King is sealed in the royal palace as well, so it’s possible as soon as I think ‘let’s do it’. But, if I do that, I won’t be able to predict the developments after this. At present, I don’t know who the one pulling the strings is, and their strength is also unknown. Who the goddess Saria is is *also* uncertain. If done poorly, there’s a possibility that everyone will appear at once, kill me, and destroy this world itself, or something. Subjugating the Evil King right now is impossible. I want to have a bit more information.”
(Akane)

“Certainly. Then, you have no choice but to take Iris, search for the historic ruins across the world, and find the messages from Sphere-sama, right?” (Moore)

“Yes, the oracle except for the parts about the holy sword and the evil god should be released to the entire world.

Regarding the sword, please leave it to me. In the first place, the holy sword Sphere made is weak. I think I'll model it based off of this sword, and make a divine sword stronger than the holy sword.”
(Akane)

“A divine sword! Onee-sama, can you make that!?” (Iris)

“Yeah, but, I don't know how long it will take to make. The heroes want to gain time, even if only a little, by resealing the Evil King. I think ‘if I can make the divine sword following what I thought, I can kill the wire puller’.” (Akane)

“Haha, thanks to Master, my heart's become at ease.” (Finn)

“Onee-sama, how should we move?” (Iris)

“First, we'll annihilate the evil tribes that come to attack this place. And this time, I'll move as an adventurer to the utmost.” (Akane)

“Fue~, why will you? It'll end immediately if you do, Master.” (Finn)

“It's a simple story. It's because if she does such standout actions, there's a possibility she can find the wire puller in one go. Besides, this is our Sphereart's problem. I think we'll borrow Sasha's power, but it has to be settled by Sphereart's citizens.” (Moore)

“Finn, Eris, and I will also cooperate. This time I'll assist the adventurers. And, Eris, you'll also help. If you're able to learn this skill as a trump card, your status as a saint will rise, and you'll level up a lot as well.” (Akane)

“Really, Onee-sama. I, will try my best. Please teach me the support magic.” (Iris) If it was Iris, she'd be able to learn that magic I thought of.

“Master, I want to learn it too, can I?” (Finn)

Uu, Finn, huh? This child was unskilled, so it would be almost impossible.

“Hmmm, I think it's impossible for you to learn it in a short time, Finn. But on the other hand, we'll go to the historical ruins or something like that, and I'll rapidly train you.” (Akane)

“Gah, it's because I'm unskilled, isn't it. I understand, I'll become stronger rapidly!” (Finn) Sorry, Finn. This magic was difficult to

control. Also, she herself knew she was unskilled, huh.

“So, Sasha, what’s the magic you’ll teach Eris?” (Moore)

“That, is the magic called———. The effect is———. But, it has a demerit of———.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, you’re amazing. The demerit is intense, but it can be used as a trump card.” (Iris)

“You really are a great fellow. Making a magic like that. It’s perfect for Eris.” (Moore)

“Master, indeed, this cannot be done by me.” (Finn)

For now, everyone seemed to be calm. Well then, shall we move onto the next thing?

“Next, how soon can the Pope be informed about Iris being found and the oracle? On this occasion, if those noble guys say something, I’ll make them stay silent against their wills.” (Akane)

“I want you to not do it too unreasonably. But, when it comes to involving the oracle, it’d be better to say it before the evil tribes come to attack.” (Moore)

“Priest Moore, how is the situation there?” (Akane)

“I found one person. The Archbishop Clinka, who’s also said to be the next Pope along with me.” (Moore) If I remembered correctly, the height of status was ordinary clergyman, priest, bishop, archbishop, and pope. Certainly, if you thought about it from his status, he was a candidate for the next pope.

“Clinka-sama has been brainwashed by an evil tribe! Quickly, we must solve it!” (Iris)

“I thought you’d say so, he will come here in about ten more minutes. Sasha, I think you know, but after releasing his brainwashing, it’d be better if you told him about Iris-sama being found, Sphere-sama’s article, and about yourself to make Clinka understand. I can trust that guy, so it’ll be alright.” (Moore) Could I trust Priest Moore on this?

Archbishop Clinka entered.

“T’ve enteredddd, Moore. Oooh, aren’t these some cute girls. And there’s

Princess Finn as well! I have heard the story, but above all, you're safe." (Clinka)

Priest Moore was a kind and gentle old man, and Clinka was a scary old man who became strict if he was angry, I think.

He seemed to be healthy, but it was clear he was overdoing it. We finished our self introductions easily, and set into the important matters at once.

"Clinka, sorry for doing this when you were busy." (Moore)

"I don't mind. Because when I was summoned from you, it was related to Iris-sama. So, what is the important matter?"

(Clinka)

"First, please receive Sasha's recovery magic without saying anything. Because you, the same as me, are probably tired."

(Moore)

"I don't mind that, but is there something? I understand, please do it."

(Clinka) Clinka-san closed his eyes. It was nice that we had Priest Moore. It would have gone badly with just us. I quietly applied recovery magic.

"『Max Heal』" (Akane)

I severed the line of evil power at the same time as the recovery magic. And, before the line vanished, I compressed the holy magic 『Holy Bolt』 and poured it into the line. With this, two were subjugated. Looking at that scene, Finn, Eris, and Priest Moore were too surprised and had opened their mouths.

"There were users of Max Heal other than Iris-sama? Moreover, Sasha, you did something just now. It was for an instant, but I felt dreadful magical power." (Clinka)

"Yes, I'll say it in order, okay?" (Akane)

The things I told were numerous, so I talked in order one by one so as to not confuse him.

1) That Archbishop Clinka was brainwashed by the evil tribes

2) That there were four more people who were brainwashed other

than Priest Moore and Archbishop Clinka 3) That the six of them transferred Iris to the northeast large forest 4) That I rescued Iris who was severely injured

← Here, Iris released her disguise. Archbishop Clinka was depressed, and cried aloud heavily.

5) That at the bottommost floor of the D-class historical ruins, there was a hidden room that operated when the saint touched the goddess statue, and an oracle was received from the goddess Sphere in there

← Here, Archbishop Clinka was shocked by the oracle and its contents

6) That the goal of the evil tribes in Sphereart was Iris' elimination, the destruction of the large holy magic magic tool, and the fall of Sphereart

7) That the magical power from earlier was me driving in the compressed holy magic 『Holy Bolt』 into the line of evil power

8) Finally, I talked about who I was, and the remodeling of the orichalcum sword. And, I strictly ordered him to not say that I was a summoned person of a parallel world to anyone, except for Pope-sama When I finished speaking, Archbishop Clinka was dumbfounded. It was a lot of information, huh.

“Sasha, is what you said at the end true?” (Clinka)

“Yes, it's the truth.” (Akane)

“It's no problem, even if I appraise you?” (Clinka)

“That's right, I'll only show the title.” (Akane)

“——I see, the evil god has been subjugated by Sasha already——huh, regarding that, I'm relieved. But, that there's an existence beyond the evil god.....” (Clinka)

I suddenly thought this just now, but, the two of them—Priest Moore and Archbishop Clinka—weren't surprised even if they came into contact with the evil god, were they?

“By chance, other than Finn, did you know the existence of the evil god?” (Akane)

“Aah, of course I know. Clinker knows, and naturally, Iris does as well. It's open to the general public because it is recorded in the

documents Sphere-sama left behind.” (Moore)

It was Sphere-sama, so it was natural they knew, huh?

“Sasha, is there a way to be able to distinguish the brainwashing? Can you please teach it to me?” (Clinka)

“Of course there is. Because I’ve already taught it to three people: Finn, Eris, and Priest Moore.” (Akane) In here, I taught him the 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill. Like Priest Moore, he got the skill to level 3 in an hour. Since I taught it to the Priest and Archbishop, it would be spread sooner or later. But, if you considered the matter of the first seal’s destruction in the oracle, there was a possibility that evil tribes would descend upon this town in large quantities. If that happened, then there was an extraordinarily high possibility that it’d result in a fierce battle. It’d be better to teach this to the Chivalric Order and adventurers too, huh. If they weren’t taught anything, many casualties occurring was the worst.

I’d stand out to some extent, but it’d probably be fine.

“I see, this is good! Skills like these existed!? Sasha, thank you.” (Clinka)

“Now, the problem is from here. The evil tribes think that they’ve erased Iris, so I think they will concentrate on the destruction of large magic tool from now on. We need to find the four other people, and fast. And, when will you officially announce the matter of Iris being found and the oracle?” (Akane)

“Regarding that, leave it to me. I’ll tell everything to Pope-sama after this.¹ Those noble guys will doubt Sasha, but I’ll deceive them appropriately. Tomorrow morning, Pope himself will announce it. Sasha, please take Princess Finn and Eris and come here at 20:00 today. You’ll meet with only Pope-sama.” (Clinka)

“Yes, I understand.” (Akane)

“Fufu, it looks like I’ll be busy after this. Moore, you should become an Archbishop as well. It’ll reduce my burden.”

(Clinka)

“I’ll have to refuse. I’m not very good with that sort of ceremonious thing. Being a priest is plenty.” (Moore) Aah, as I thought, Priest Moore has the ability to become an archbishop, huh.

“Then, I’ll visit here at 20:00. In the meantime, I’ll go to a tool shop and a blacksmith.

“Master, it’s the ingredients, potions, and the mithril claws, right?”
(Finn)

“Yeah, there’s something else I want looked at by the head of the tool shop and Dolk-san.” (Akane)

“? *Haa*, I understand.” (Finn)

“I realize that both Princess Finn’s and Iris-sama’s, no, Eris’s strength is rising considerably. Sasha is bad, but while guarding the two, please make them strong. If it’s you, I can leave them to you. Now, Moore, you move too.” (Clinka)

“Naturally. I don’t mind being steadily worked hard.” (Moore)

Alright, it seemed I built up a good relationship.

Chapter 11 – Improvement to Potions and Magic Additions to Weapons and Armor After separating from Archbishop Clinka, we went to supply ourselves with ingredients and potions. ‘If I improve this potion and magic potions, I can make more efficient ones, can’t I?’ I thought. In reality, just by putting in ingredients (mainly fruit) including matching magical power into the potions and magic potions a little when the two were sleeping, they became delicious. When I taught this to the owner of the tool shop, she was so delighted she jumped up. It appeared to be more delicious than normal ones, as upon tasting it, she downed the entire thing. The effect had also risen about 1.5x.

“Miss, no, Sasha, thank you. This is an extraordinary breakthrough. No way, just by putting magical power into the ingredients and adding them to the potions and magic potions, the effect rises by this much. Thank you, really! If possible, can I have some finished products?” (Shopowner)

“Yeah, it’s fine. And, this is the recipe.” (Akane)

“Hey, is going as far as giving me the recipe truly okay! I’ll talk to that doctor, and get him to rapidly make them at once.”

(Shopowner)

Huh? Someone would be doing this much? I hadn’t thought she’d be this delighted.

“Finn, Eris, did I something outrageous?” (Akane)

Both of their facial expressions turned into those of shock.

“Onee-sama, I thought you did that while knowing.” (Iris)

“That’s right, Master. Up until now, research regarding potions and magic potions is being done throughout the world even now. Recovering physical strength and magical power is good, but I think you also know that, Master, but in any case, you’re clumsy. Doctors are piling up research desperately, but if something unrelated is added, all of the effects will

be lost, regardless of the type. Never would anyone think ‘it’ll succeed by just adding a fixed amount of magical power into the ingredients’ or something like that.” (Finn)

Huh~, I did a standout action again. Next time, let’s definitely be careful. Well, who did the selling was the owner of that tool shop, so I wouldn’t stand out.

Switching my mood, I headed towards the blacksmith. It was around the time that the mithril claws would be completed.

If they had been completed, I’d have a special-make jewel put into them.

When we arrived at the blacksmith, the mithril claws had been completed, and Dolk-san brought them.

“Finn, how’s the feeling of using them?” (Akane)

“This, is amazing. They don’t feel uncomfortable, and the magical power transmission is fast.” (Finn)

“Gahaha, I’m glad you like it.” (Dolk)

“Dolk-san, sorry for doing this immediately, but can you furnish this jewel into the mithril claws?” (Akane)

“I don’t mind that, but is there something in that jewel?” (Dolk)

“Yes, the recovery magic 『High Heal』 is added.” (Akane)

Before entering the cathedral, I bought several jewels suited for Finn. While the two were sleeping, I investigated what kinds of magic could be added. Depending on the type of jewel, the magic which could be

added was different. And, high level things like Max Heal and Holy Bolt couldn't be added, as they would destroy the jewel itself. What could be added were up to intermediate level ones. Aquamarine was the jewel prepared for Finn, and recovery magic was what was possible to be added. I added 『High Heal』. With this, Finn would be able to use recovery magic as well.

“What, you can add recovery magic to gems!? That's absurd! The weapons which can have magic added should only magic swords from dungeons!” (Dolk)

“Why is it surprising? There are jewels on the grip part of magic swords. Magic is included in there. The principle is the same as that. I select a jewel corresponding to the magic I want to add, and insert it into the weapon. If you do so, though it cannot go as far as a magic sword from a dungeon, you are able to add up to intermediate level magic of superior attributes into the corresponding jewel. However, in regards to holy magic except recovery magic and space magic, they can't be added due to them being advanced. By the way, it won't work with just the jewel by itself. And, please also be careful in how you install it into the weapons and armor. If a novice installs it unreasonably, the jewel, weapon, and armor will probably crumble at the same time as invoking the magic. Balance is important.” (Akane) If I didn't tell him like this in advance, a novice might really do that.

Huh? Everyone was open-mouthed. Why?

“A-, alright, as a test, I'll try to insert that jewel into a place that doesn't interfere with the mithril claws.” (Dolk) Dolk-san returned to his workshop, and started working on inserting it at once.

“Sasha-chan, if this is a success, it'll be outrageous.” (Irumi)

Irumi was really excited. When I turned towards Finn and Eris,

“Master, if you look like that, you don't understand, huh.” (Finn)

“Onee-sama, it's the first one in the world if this succeeds. Humans will have created the same magic sword as the dungeons!” (Iris)

No way, I did it again!? I didn't intend to do that. I had thought ‘surely, somebody somewhere in the country will have announced it’.

Dolk-san returned in about thirty minutes.

“Well then, Finn, try to do 『High Heal』 on Dolk-san at once.”

(Akane)

“Fue~! All of a sudden? I-, I’m nervous. Will I be able to do it?” (Finn)

“It’s alright, you can do it.” (Akane)

“I’ll do it. 『High Heal』 ” (Finn)

Dolk-san’s body shone. When the light settled, Dolk-san’s eyes were wide open.

“I can’t believe it, I’m recovering! My fatigue from a bit ago is gone!”
(Dolk)

“Alright, it’s a success!” (Akane)

“M-, master, *uwaaaan*, I’m happy. I used recovery magic~.” (Finn)

Finn was crying a lot. She was very happy, I guess.

“You, this is a serious matter. Recovery magic could only be used by suitable people until now, but with this technology, we can include not just recovery magic, but numerous magics.” (Dolk)

“A-, ahh, yes, that’s right.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, you’re amazing. Even if there was a war, with a technique like this, we can avoid the deaths of many tribes.”

(Iris)

For some reason, I felt like the scale of what I had done was rapidly becoming bigger. The one who made it go that far was me, huh?

“Can you sell that technology to me? I’ll pay you as much gold as you want.” (Dolk)

“Wha! No, no money. If many tribes can be saved with this technology, I’ll hand it over free of charge.” (Akane)

“B-, but, that’s too much.” (Dolk)

“Then, how about I exchange it for the mithril claws?” (Akane)

“Is it okay...with something like that!” (Dolk)

No, mithril claws should be about 100 gold coins.

“Yes, it’s fine with that.” (Akane)

Negotiations complete. I informed him about magic and the corresponding jewels. Just that. With just that, my advancement payment of gold coins was returned. Hmm, I wonder, was it really okay?

“It’s with trouble, so how about I add one more weapon for sale? Currently, I have a topaz with the lightning magic 『

Lightning Bolt』 put into it, so I think if you include it into a mithril sword, it will become a considerably powerful magic sword.” (Akane)

“Is that true! I’ll do it, if I make a sword like that, all the adventurers over B-class will buy it.” (Dolk) In the end, we used not only the mithril swords with the lightning magic 『Lightning Bolt』 put into it, but also all the jewels I had now, and manufactured many weapons and armor. When the manufacturing finished, it was the evening—

17:00.

“Sasha, thank you. It’s been a long time since my time was spent so meaningfully.” (Dolk)

“No, it was good you were pleased. Tomorrow, you need to sell the weapons and armor with gems put into them, okay?”

(Akane)

“I’ll do it with Irumi. I’m glad I have a stock of aquamarine. To start with, I feel like everyone wants recovery magic. It’ll be serious after tomorrow.” (Dolk)

The three of us—Me, Finn, and Eris—added 『High Heal』 to the aquamarines, so they were a bit tired. Finn was happy though, huh.

“Well then, please do your best after tomorrow.” (Akane)

“Yeah, thanks for today, really.” (Dolk)

“Regarding adding it to the jewels, it’s faster to make a request to the guild. I think they’ll probably do it efficiently.”

(Akane)

“Haha, that’s right. At any rate, there’s nothing I can say if Iris-sama is found safe with this.” (Dolk) If it went as planned, tomorrow morning,

the Pope himself should do the report of her being safely found.

Parting from Dolk-san and others, we ate dinner at the inn and returned to our room. There was a *bit* more time until 20:00.

“Master, I’m very happy now. I dreamed of things like being able to use recovery magic.” (Finn) I was happy you were pleased.

“Onee-sama, after tomorrow, it will probably be very tough for the tool shop and the blacksmith. Delicious potions and magic potions, weapons and armor with magic added, it’ll be good if it doesn’t result in an uproar.” (Iris)

“The potions are still in production, it’ll probably be fine. Regarding the weapons and armor, they were saying that they’d go advertise it to friendly stores, so it seems there’ll be an uproar then.” (Akane)

“Eh, Onee-sama, will it be okay?” (Iris)

“In regards to what we made this time, we wanted it to be bought by high level adventurers, so we decided to do it auction-style. And, since it appears to be for the first time in the history of the world, we plan to trial run them one by one.

It appears that magic tools of 『Barrier』 and 『Silent』 can be borrowed from the guild, so it’ll be okay. But I wonder, why aren’t there any magic tools of recovery magic?” (Akane)

“Master, truly in just a flash of some sort, you thought of adding it to jewels. Mithril and orichalcum are used in the center of magic tools, so they were adding magic to those metals. They also used special metals, they were really expensive. Magic tools are also being studied throughout the world, but only attack magic and recovery magic were repelled for unknown reasons. Thinking now, it can be done with a jewel, so it simply isn’t dealt with.” (Finn)

“I see, it’s like that, huh. Though I didn’t know, I created an unthinkable technology, didn’t I? But, I just thought ‘they can deal with the evil tribes coming to attack here, even if only a little bit’ and taught them it, okay? I thought that someone announced it already.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, you thought of Sphereart that much!?! Here, it will be announced tomorrow that I’m alive, so morale will also rise.” (Iris)

“Yes, afterwards, how will the evil tribes come to attack? Tomorrow,

the remaining four brainwashed people will know, so the evil tribes should start to move big.” (Akane)

The improvement of potions, the development of new magic tools, and the announcement of Iris’s discovery and the oracle; in the state where morale was extremely high, the evil tribes would probably come to attack. Probably, the tools wouldn’t be accessible by everyone, but everyone should help each other out.

Afterwards, how would the evil tribes move?

Chapter 12 – Audience with the Pope

Night—20:00; when I went to the chapel, there was Priest Moore, Archbishop Clinka, and the four people brainwashed by the evil tribes. Archbishop Clinka, he worked too fast. No way, you found them already!

“Sasha, at once, I beg you. I’ve explained it to these four people already.” (Clinka)

“I understand. 『Max Heal』 ” (Akane)

At the same time, I severed the four lines and grabbed them, and fired the holy magic 『Holy Bolt』 into each of them. For some reason, everyone was looking at me.

“ 『Holy Bolt』 on four people at the same time, huh? You’re quite something.” (Moore)

“Onee-sama, I will steal that technique and show it.” (Iris)

Well, since Eris was motivated, I guess it was okay.

“Archbishop Clinka, we can go meet with Pope-sama after this, right?” (Akane)

“Yes, but the nobles said that they want to see Iris-sama in person. Right now, they are waiting in the reception hall along with Pope-sama. Sasha, I’m sorry.” (Clinka)

“No, I don’t mind.” (Akane)

The four priests, after thanking me, had me move to the reception hall ahead. Eris had cancelled her disguise here. Now, it seemed like Archbishop Clinka had told them already, but the nobles would almost certainly say something. In the situation they didn’t listen to the story,

at the worst, I guess I would have no choice but to silence them by force.

———Currently, there was a door to the reception hall before my eyes. And, that door was opened slowly. When we entered, the surroundings became lively.

“Ah, it’s Iris-sama, she really is safe.”

“Ooh, Princess Finn is also here. It’s just like Archbishop Clinka said.”

“Iris-sama~~”

Pope-sama was in the front, and there were about 50 nobles in the surroundings. Just like I was taught, I lowered my head to Pope-sama in courtesy, and began my self introduction.

“Nice to meet you, Pope-sama. I am called Sasha. I’ve brought Princess Finn and Iris-sama.” (Akane) Pope-sama was a woman, hmm? She was a person with a lot of elegance, and had a captivating atmosphere.

“I am called Eleanor Bering. Sasha, thank you very much for saving Princess Finn and Iris this time. Princess Finn, it’s been a long time, hasn’t it? And, Iris, you came back safely.” (Eleanor)

“Pope-sama, it’s been a long time. I, Finn Rhedenburg, upon being captured by the Galum Gang, was rescued by Sasha-san.” (Finn)

“Eleanor-sama, it’s the same for me, I was saved by Sasha-san after being chased by evil tribes in the large forest. If not for Sasha-san, I would have died.” (Iris)

It was good that both of them didn’t call me ‘Master’ or ‘Onee-sama’. If I was called that here, a needless misunderstanding would be produced. Uh oh, one of those noble guys complained.

“Pope-sama, please forgive me for butting into the conversation. Iris-sama, Princess Finn, did the woman here called Sasha really save the two of you? There’s a possibility that she may be the wire puller.” (Noble) I wonder, was this noble testing me? Or, was he just an idiot? It couldn’t be helped, perhaps I should counterattack?

“As all of you nobles are alive while I’m here, it’s proof that I’m not the wire puller.” (Akane)

It looked like they understood what I was pointing out.

“You’re disrespectful! From your way of speaking, it sounds like you can kill everyone in this place right now, doesn’t it!” (Noble)

It was tiresome, but I guess it was inevitable.

“Pope-sama, may I show some of my power in this place?” (Akane)

“Yes, I don’t mind. I heard everything about you from Archbishop Clinka.” (Eleanor) Aah, she knew that I was a summoned person of another world, and the subjugator of the evil god, huh? Well then, let’s apply 『Coercion』 on the nobles. Everyone’s strength was in pieces, so how about I do it until I was on the brink of making everyone faint?

——3 minutes later, all of those noble guys had fallen to their knees with both hands on the floor. All of them were wounded all over their bodies. It couldn’t be helped, so I chanted the recovery magic 『Regeneration』. Although heals recovered instantly, this magic recovered their physical strength bit by bit.

Here, Pope-sama moved.

“Even you guys understand now, right? Sasha-san is our ally. If she was an enemy, everyone, including me, would have been killed.” (Eleanor)

The noble from before apologized, and we decided to proceed to the next discussion.

“Sasha, are the six who were brainwashed okay?” (Eleanor)

“Yes, I severed the lines of evil power. There aren’t any problems with their physical conditions. This time was caused by a malfunction of the magic tool. It should be repaired immediately.” (Akane)

“That magic tool, you say? I understand. I shall make arrangements for the repair immediately. ——Currently, this place—Sphereart—is being aimed at by evil tribes. It is a situation where when they will attack isn’t known. Sasha, for the sake of annihilating the evil tribes, will you cooperate with us?” (Eleanor)

“Of course I will cooperate. In the situation where the first seal is destroyed, there’s no way we can let many people die. I have taken several measures already.” (Akane)

“For your quick actions, I thank you. Everyone, at 11:00 tomorrow, the protection of Iris will be announced at the same time as the fact that the evil tribes are coming to attack. And, the oracle matter is judged as being a secret. Everyone, move to the next action.”
(Eleanor)

“””Haha—————”””

It was amazing when Pope-sama said it. Morale had risen with this alone. Everyone moved to action all at once.

“Well then, it looks like everyone understands, shall we move to my room?” (Eleanor) In the middle of moving to her room, the nobles from before apologized and thanked me strongly. Furthermore, they called me Sasha-sama. It felt like they were looking at me with the same eyes as they did Iris for some reason. Why?

“Fufu, Onee-sama, it’s the recovery magic from before. You easily recovered that many people. They are astonished at the ability of your recovery magic, Onee-sama. Even for me, that many people at once is impossible.” (Iris) Eeeeh, it was?! Well, I guess it’d be good if they were allies?

This place, was Pope-sama—Eleanor-sama’s room.

Somehow, it settled down a lot. There were six people who were in here: Eleanor-sama, Archbishop Clinka, Priest Moore, Finn, Iris, and me.

“Sasha, once again, thank you for saving Princess Finn and Iris. If the magic tool was destroyed and the evil tribes attacked while Iris was missing, Sphereart would have fallen without fail. Once you finish up the matter of the evil tribes, I will thank you again. So, earlier, you said ‘I have taken several measures’, is it fine if I ask what they are?” (Eleanor) Here, I informed them of my improvement of potions and the addition of attack magic and recovery magic to weapons and armor. And sure enough, Eleanor-sama, Archbishop Clinka, and Priest Moore were too surprised, and opened their mouths wide.

“Tomorrow, an auction of weapons and armor will be held.” (Akane)

“——Frankly, I’m shocked. The improvement of potions and the addition of magic to weapons and armor, both of which are being researched around the world, are called ‘the world’s most difficult problems’. For easily solving those, I can’t really thank you enough.”

(Eleanor)

The world's most difficult problems! It was that big!?

In my case, by reading light novels and web novels, I was able to do it once I thought of it, though.

I couldn't say that I made them by doing it at random like that.

———Yeah, let's wash it away lightly.

"What I solved is something thought of as the most fundamental basis, so I'll leave future improvements to you." (Akane)

"No, that alone is enough to contribute to the world. Also, the oracle, is it? The holy sword? Do you have it?" (Eleanor) I handed the orichalcum sword over to Eleanor.

"This is certainly the holy sword, isn't it? Sasha, how do you intend to improve this?" (Eleanor)

"That's right, first of all, I'll remodel the orichalcum itself into another metal. I'll continuously pour my magical power into it, and transform it into a metal which can withstand my magical power. Normally, it would take years, but I know a way to do it in a short time. I think that, even with that method, quite a bit of time will be necessary. It's my first time doing this, so I don't know how much time I'll need. After the metal remodeling, I plan to add nihility magic to the metal itself. If it is completed, it will be a divine sword that returns everything to nothingness. It absolutely cannot be handled by a normal person. They'll be taken in when they touch it, and die. Currently, it will be exclusive to me, but I plan to restrict its functions and make it possible to be used by only the saint someday." (Akane) Though I tried to examine the orichalcum I stole from the Galum Gang, I found that even orichalcum couldn't withstand the way I used my magical power for a long period of time. That time was really troubling. But, as orichalcum was so good that it was called 'God's metal', I thought that I might be able to improve something, poured my magical power bit by bit into it continuously with the resolution it'd be destroyed, and circulated it within the orichalcum. Thereupon, although it was still a short period, I found that it was changing little by little. When I appraised it, it had been in the middle of changing from orichalcum to a new metal. Even now, inside my item box (mental world), I was constantly pouring and circulating magical power in it. If this was applied to this sword, it would be possible to make a divine sword.

The whole room became a scene.

“Um, Onee-sama, are you saying that someday, I’ll use it and will inherit it when the saint takes over?” (Iris)

“Yeah, that’s right. Though, even if you are the saint, I plan to make it unusable if the levels of these three skills—

Magical Power Circulation, Magical Power Manipulation, Magical Power Cladding—aren’t at least level 8. Clearly speaking, the people of this world rely too much on the holy sword. Safekeep this sword strongly with Sphere-sama, and when something happens, the saint can use it.” (Akane)

Again, the entire room fell silent. Eh, what? Someone speak.

Ah, Eleanor-sama began to speak. But, her body was shaking a lot. Why?

“Sasha, that, for us, is extremely appreciated. But, we cannot pay back something equal for your contributions.” (Eleanor)

“Eh? I don’t want something like that. If I had to say something, then

1) I want permission to take Iris on a journey after this 2) I want to contact each branch and make it easy to get in and out of cities 3) I want my guild class to be A

4) I want funds for my trip

it’s *just* those things.” (Akane)

“Oi, Sasha, are you okay with just that!? It’s fine to ask for more!” (Clinka)

“That’s right, you’ve done things that great for Sphereism, so please order more lively things.” (Moore)

“Indeed, Sasha.” (Eleanor)

Eehh? Even if you said things like that, I could do the rest myself somehow.

“Umm, even if you say so, it’s just a discount for potions, weapons, and armor, okay?” (Akane)

“What an unselfish person.” (Moore)

“Haha, she’s an evil god now, so she’ll laugh.” (Clinka)

“Fufufu, thank you, Sasha. I’ll grant everything you said just now.”
(Eleanor) Ooh, hoorayyyy! It was a good thing I said so, huh.

“Archbishop Clinka, Priest Moore, it’ll be hectic after tomorrow. Sasha, Princess Finn, and Iris, please come to the chapel at 9 in the morning tomorrow. I have an important announcement, okay?”
(Eleanor)

“”””Yes!”””” (Akane + Finn + Iris)

It was great that Eleanor-sama was a good person. Now, it would be hectic after tomorrow.

Let’s give it my all!

Chapter 13 – 『 All Abilities Double 』

A little before 11:00: we were watching the plaza from the large room on the 2nd floor, where Eleanor-sama was. The plaza was becoming very lively. It was rumored that Iris was safely rescued. And, at 11:00, Eleanor-sama appeared on the balcony, and announced that Iris was brought to safety and she was physically sound. Following the announcement, Iris appeared alongside Eleanor-sama, stirring up the crowds. Chants of “Iris-sama~!” were shouted repeatedly. Clearly speaking, it was an amazing sight.

By the way, I was working as a bodyguard for both of them, and was in the back—invisible to the populace. I arrived at 9:00, taught the Chivalric Order the 『 Magical Power Cladding 』 skill, and when my power was confirmed, I was given permission to guard the duo. After that, I was called “Sasha-sama” for some reason, and in the end, all of the nobles and the Chivalric Order came to look at me with looks of respect.

(I came to know about the reason for this later, according to Iris, the Nobility were informed in advance about me rescuing Iris, my extraordinarily high recovery magic ability and the fact that I could subjugate subjugate B-class evil tribes.

Initially, the Chivalric Order were also somewhat suspicious, but their doubts vanished when I taught them the 『 Magical Power Cladding 』 skill. It was thanks to this skill, that the total strength of the Chivalric Order increased quite a bit. It seemed that the treatment of me myself equalled that of Iris, with it being my strength and the ability of my

recovery magic for the nobles, and my own strength and the fact I taught them the 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill for the Chivalric Order)

When Eleanor-sama raised her right hand, the commotion settled. And then, a part of the goddess Sphere's oracle (excluding the information regarding the holy sword, Evil God, and the ones targeting Sphere), and the fact that evil tribes were coming to attack soon, was announced. For a while, there was an uproar, but when the success of the improvement of potions and the success of the technology of adding magic to weapons and armor—which were being researched

already—were reported, there was an uproar in a different sense. The rise in morale was tremendous. Next to Eleanor-sama was Dolk-san, Irumi-san, the owner of the tool shop, and a doctor who produced it.

Prior to announcing this, she had Dolk-san, Irumi-san, the owner of the tool shop, and the doctor who produced it come in advance, and had them become the developers of these technologies. At first, everyone declined with the reasoning that

“It's amazing, we can't”, but after explaining a little bit of situation to them, they agreed albeit unwillingly. Because I'd leave on a trip with Iris after subjugating the evil tribes here, I didn't want to make any actions that made me stand out, sorry~.

At around 14:00; after it all settled down, I begun Iris's training. Finn was in the middle of a mock battle with all the Chivalric Order. They were greatly lacking combat experience, so they *had* to raise their ability, even if only a little. Also, as I decided to teach the adventurers 『Magical Power Cladding』, going to the C-class historical ruins was for after the annihilation of the evil tribes. As Iris's matter, and the matters of the potions, weapons, and armor were kicking up a fuss, it wouldn't stand out that much.

“Iris, the magic I'll teach you has the power to temporarily raise all the basic attribute values of your allies.” (Akane)

“Will it work even though I don't have the appraisal skill” (Iris)

“It's the opposite. If you have appraisal, you'll be captured by only the numerical values, and your stats won't be more than double those numerical values even if you perform the magic perfectly. To learn this magic, it's necessary to completely grasp the flow of the other party's magical power, and intuitively know the attack, defense, and

agility. If that's done, there's a possibility to exhibit more than double the power according to the time. Once you get used to it, you'll be able to grasp it immediately and chant it on several people. And, you don't need any chant." (Akane)

"Do it chantless!?" (Iris)

"For some reason, the people of this world are too fixated on the chant. Magic is all determined by the image. Chanting is just something that supports that image. There are also people who release it chantless with the same power just by watching once, aren't there?" (Akane)

"There are! A-class and S-class people do it almost chantless." (Iris)

"Those people probably realized with experience, that the image is *everything*. From now on, grasp the flow of magical power of all the Chivalric Order and Finn. You must do it one by one without rushing. Eventually, you should notice something." (Akane)

"Yes!" (Iris)

As I thought, Iris had an amazing talent for magic. She completely grasped the flow of Finn's magical power in about 15

minutes. And, one hour later, she was able to grasp all of the Chivalric Order's.

"Onee-sama, the flow of magical power is different for everyone! Is this correct?" (Iris)

"It's correct, you realized it well. Look at the skill." (Akane)

"Aah, Presence Sensing became level 2." (Iris)

"That's how it should be. You will raise the level of this skill." (Akane)

"I've heard that it isn't that easy to raise it, though." (Iris)

"Fufu, it's alright. Iris, what will happen if you gently drop a water droplet onto the water's surface?" (Akane)

"Umm, it will spread out in a circle from the place it was dropped." (Iris)

"Yep, next, think about yourself as the center, and this ground's surface as the water's surface, and try dropping just a pinch of magical

power. And then, spread that thinly. Close your eyes for this. Then, if it's the current you, you'd be able to pull it off." (Akane)

"I'll try. ——Eh, what's this, no way! I can feel magical power at various places. Eh, this gentle magical power, is this possibly Eleanor-sama?" (Iris)

"Correct. Aren't you amazing, Iris? Well then, how high did "Presence Sensing" become?" (Akane)

"Eh~~~, i-, it's now level 4. No way, for it to rise this easily." (Iris)

It rose easily solely because it was Iris. The range is still narrow, but Iris perceived magical power three-dimensionally.

This was huge. She only needed to practice now, huh. First, let's let her acquire that magic.

"Iris, don't depend on this "Presence Sensing" too much. There's people who can suppress their presence until right before they strike if they are at the level of an assassin, okay?" (Akane)

"Yes, I understand. But, you're amazing, Onee-sama. If done with good efficiency, the skill rises *easily* until here." (Iris) Iris's eyes were shining a lot.

"Well, that's true, but it rising until here is because your magical power control and image are just that good, Iris."

(Akane)

"Ehehe, thank you very much." (Iris)

"Now, next is the *final* challenge at last. Let's try it with Finn." (Akane)

"Eh, it's the magic, right? Will it be okay?" (Iris)

"Because it's you, Iris, it'll be fine. You're looking at Finn's magical power everyday, it should be easy to intuitively grasp her attack, defense, agility, and control it." (Akane)

I called Finn here as a test run for the magic.

"Fweh~~~, you'll do it on me!? No way~~~." (Finn)

"Don't misunderstand. I've said that this magic is a support magic.

Unless it's you, Finn, who she's familiar with, it's no good." (Akane)

Even though I should've informed her yesterday, she completely forgot, huh.

"Ah, that's right. I was careless." (Finn)

"Finn, remain where you are. Now, Iris, perceive the flow of Finn's magical power, and imagine that all her abilities are double. And, say 『All Abilities Double』." (Akane)

"Okay, —— 『All Abilities Double』" (Iris)

Then, Finn's entire body shone, and a red-white light covered Finn.

"Iris, it's a success." (Akane)

"Hooray, Finn-ane, it's a success. How's your body?" (Iris)

Finn—the integral part of the exercise—was surprised at what happened to her, and was checking her entire body.

"A-Amazing. I've never felt such power until now. The amazing power is overflowing. *Ha! Tohh!* Amazing, there's so much! Ahahaha." (Finn)

"Yeah, her basic attribute values are nearly doubled. Perfect!" (Akane)

"I'm happy. If I have this magic, I can use it on many people during the war with the evil tribes." (Iris)

"But, it also has weakness, so be careful. First, the time limit is 30 minutes. Always cancel it in less than 30 minutes.

Because your level right now is low, Iris, using the spell on multiple people is impossible. I'll back you up on that."

(Akane)

"Uu, that's right, I forgot that my level is low." (Iris)

At any rate, Finn became too excited. It was similar to 『Magical Power Cladding』. In the case where she increased them herself and another person forcibly raised them, I guess it's no different from ecstasy or something.

"Iris, cancel the magic on Finn." (Akane)

When she cancelled it, Finn's tension dropped dramatically.

"Ehhh, it's over already? I wanted to savor it a bit more." (Finn)

"Finn, the time limit of this magic is 30 minutes. Now, she cancelled it immediately, so there won't be a problem with her body, but if she cancels it after 10 minutes, muscle pain will start to occur in her body. —And, if she cancels it after 30

minutes, then——intense pain will occur on her entire body, and she'll be bedridden for a few *days*." (Akane) *Yep, there are no convenient magics. The advantages are big, but the disadvantages are just as big. Though the doubled abilities of their bodies with this magic are temporary, they are forcibly raised. Naturally, the burden on the body is also big, unlike with 『Magical Power Cladding』. I mean, I actually tried it. Although I was fine because it was my mental world, I would've died if I did it in the real world.*

"Oh yeah, there *were* big disadvantages as well." (Finn)

"Because 『Magical Power Cladding』 raises your basic attribute values with the synergy of your own magical power and skills, the burden on you isn't big, but since this magic forcibly increases another person's basic ability values, it places a considerable burden on you. Besides, this time, this magic is absolutely necessary for the adventurers with a low leveled

『Magical Power Cladding』 skill. We were spared damage because the person we did it on was you, Finn. Tomorrow, I plan to teach 『Magical Power Cladding』 to the adventurers, and use 『All Abilities Double』. Your energeticness rose that much, Finn, so the adventurers' will be even *higher*." (Akane)

"Uuu, Master, please forget that." (Finn)

We were *steadily* getting ready.

Now, let's teach 『Magical Power Cladding』 to the adventurers tomorrow!

Chapter 14 – Discussion with the Adventurers

The next day, the leaders of the adventurers were assembled in the Chivalric Order's practice ground. As expected, everyone's expression was grave, so every S-Class and A-Class, and those B-Class and below came to be leaders. *As I thought, those S-Class and A-Class have a*

different atmosphere when compared to the others. Maybe they'll sense that I've completed an appraisal?

Party Name "Blaze of Dawn": Both members S-class

Leader: Bahn Fail (*Human; Basic Attribute Values Average: 16000*)

Age: Early twenties; has an imposing air with deep crimson hair

Quite the good-looking guy.

Rifia Rose (*Elf; Basic Attribute Values Average: 14000*)

Age: Unknown; her long, blonde hair is beautifully put together with a ribbon An amazing beauty.

Party Name "Gale": All 4 members A-class

Leader: Will Beans (*Human; Basic Attribute Values Average: 9800*) Age: Around 18; has black hair, which is rare around here

A gentle-looking person, but he has a unreliable feeling somewhere

Roy Crotts (*Human; Basic Attribute Values Average: 9100*)

Age: Around 18; brown hair, and if I describe him in a few words: an ikeman Both his eyes and eyebrows were tense, 10 out of 10 women would be charmed by him Mia Throttle (*Human; Basic Attribute Values Average: 8200*)

Age: Around 18; pink hair down to her waist, and above all, her breasts were big Rather than a beautiful person, she's child-ish and cute, I think

Himika Kristen (*Human; Basic Attribute Values Average: 8600*)

Age: Around 18; blue hair down to her waist, a dignified beauty

In the beginning, Iris came out in front of the adventurers, and explained the reason they were gathered now.

"Everyone, thank you for gathering now. I think you've heard it from Eleanor-sama, but a large number of evil tribes will come attack here—Sphereart—before long. We don't know when they will attack. So, we need to prepare quickly. The reason I had you all come here is to have you learn some skills. The skill's name is 『Magical Power Cladding』 ; by cladding your body in magical power and using it in

conjunction with the Body Strengthening skill, your basic attribute values will drastically rise.” (Iris)

The adventurers made an uproar. The most common comments were “I’ve never heard of a skill like that!”. Here, a question came from Bahn-san.

“Iris-sama, who discovered the 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill? No matter how I think about it, it wasn’t you, right!? Is it the woman next to you?” (Bahn)

Iris introduced me, and spoke about how she was transferred to the large forest by the evil tribes’ evil magic, and how I saved her when she was in a tough spot.

“Nice to meet you, I’m Sasha. I discovered 『Magical Power Cladding』. As of now, I’ve taught it to Iris, Priest Moore, Archbishop Clinka, and to the rest of the Chivalric Order. To prepare for the battle with the evil tribes, I’d like to teach it to you adventurers here as well. It’s fine, right?” (Akane)

I realized that all of the adventurers were ascertaining me. During that, A-Class Will-san gave me a chance.

“It’s fine, isn’t it? Bahn-san, she isn’t a normal person. Her atmosphere and engendering presence, I judged that she has the ability of an A-Class or *greater*.” (Will)

How sharp, Will-san.

“Will, I thought you were stronger than before, but you too have reached the point that you can see through your opponents with just their atmosphere and presence, huh? A chick of that school has become reliable.” (Bahn)

“Hey, Bahn-san, let’s put me aside. The discussion isn’t making progress.” (Will) The two of you were friends, huh?

“Haha, sorry, sorry, you’re fine, Sasha. Please teach us 『Magical Power Cladding』. If it’s to become strong, then using whatever you can is my motto.” (Bahn)

Bahn-san is greedy for strength, huh? Maybe that’s why he was able to climb his way up to S-Class. Conversely, Will-san seems like he can be unreliable at times, but he’s the type that absorbs everything. Thanks to the two, I taught 『Magical Power Cladding』 immediately. As

expected, the adventurers that had experience actual combat—S-Class Bahn-san and Rifia-san got it to level 6, and A-Class Will-san, Roy-san, Mia-san, and Himika-san acquired level 5 in about 30 minutes.

Those who were B-Class and C-Class got it to level 3 in about an hour, and even those D-Class and below got it to level 2.

During which, Bahn-san and Rifia-san spoke with me.

“Sasha, you’re really something. I can see that my power is rising considerably. I see, cladding yourself in magical power, and converging it on one part of my body, huh? It’s so good!” (Bahn)

“This skill is truly amazing. My Body Strengthening skill’s level is low, but I know that my body and especially my magical power are rising. Sasha, for us elves, this skill is a *priceless treasure*. Thank you for teaching me.” (Rifia) Ooh, that’s amazing, Sasha. Rifia praising someone doesn’t happen often. It looks like she’s really happy.” (Bahn)

“For you to say so, I’m also happy.” (Akane)

The A-Class people seemed delighted as well.

“Himika, this is amazing. With this, won’t you be able to use that magic?” (Mia)

“It certainly is amazing. But, that is still in its experimental stages, so I can’t use it carelessly.” (Himika)

“How about consulting it with Sasha, then? She’s opening 『Magical Power Cladding』 to the public like this, I think we can trust her.” (Mia)

My name came out for some reason, maybe they have a question for me? Ah, they came over here.

“Sasha, I am Mia Throttle. We have something very important to talk about with you.” (Mia)

“And I, am Himika Kristen, it’s a consultation about magic. But, it’s noisy here, so let’s go to a place devoid of people for a minute.” (Himika)

“Okay, I don’t mind.” (Akane)

A consultation about magic? I wonder what it is. We came to a place a

little bit away from the Chivalric Order's training field. After hesitating a little, Mia-san began speaking.

“Um, we are researching a form of attack magic currently. However, to use this magic, multiple attributes are needed, so it's difficult to control. So, ————” (Mia)

Mhm mhm, I see, I know what she wants to say. In short, she wants to develop combination magic, but controlling it is too detailed, and the prospects of success don't look bright, huh?

“Did you not consult with Rifia-san, the elf? I heard that elves are a race which specializes in all magic.” (Akane) After I spoke, Himika-san replied to this question with a dull expression.

“Of course, I talked to her first. And——that person, she was really interested in what we talked about. ——” (Himika) *What's wrong?* The two's facial expressions weren't clear.

“Ah, sorry. That person, after we spoke, she tried it on the spot——and succeeded in one go. It was a *dreadful* power.

I'm glad no one was around.” (Himika)

“———Eh, wha!?! An unexpected success on the spot after you spoke! You're kidding!” (Akane) *She spoke in theory, but to succeed on the spot, she's certainly a genius!*

“Ahaha, I thought “it's a joke”, you know. That person produced the ice attribute from her left hand, and the storm attribute from her right, and combined them splendidly. Neither I nor Mia closed our open mouths. And then, she thanked us quite a lot. It appears that Rifia-san hadn't imagined combining individual forms of magic either.” (Himika) Here, Himika-san became gloomy, so the baton was passed to Mia-san.

“She's a genius. I've *fully* realized that. In the end, we were told various things about control, but it was impossible for the then us as it was too advanced. Ahahaha~~.” (Mia)

I feel really bad for them. Even though they developed a theory by themselves and went to consult about it, someone just went and succeeded in one go on the spot. But, let me give them some consultation about combination magic as well. Oh,

Himika-san and Mia-san are both A-Class, their magic control ability

should be proportionate to that. Because the two are party members, that's right!

"I don't know if I can get you to understand with this reply, but if the control of combination magic is difficult for one person, why not share it between the two of you? That way, I think that not only will the magic be completed quickly, but the power will also be greater than Rifia-san's, won't it?" (Akane)

Eh? What's with this silence? Was that an incorrect answer?

"AAAAAahhhh! That's right, Himika! It'll be fine if us two do it!" (Mia)

"How stupid of us! That's right, if you cooperate with me, Mia, then we can do it faster than Rifia-san, and the power will definitely be greater as well. Sasha, thank you. I was too fixated on doing it alone." (Himika) For some reason, the two asked to shake my hand, and hugged me.

"Sasha, thank you! Himika, let's go practice in the suburbs from now on." (Mia)

"Of course." (Himika)

Both Mia-san and Himika-san gallantly went away from here.

I'm glad they were able to be satisfied.

When I returned to the training field, the adventurers were starting a mock battle. Finn was also mixed in there. *I guess the people around her don't know that she's the princess of Rhedenburg~. Let's not say anything.* Will-san and Roy-san noticed me and came over here.

"Sasha, once again, I am Will Beans, nice to meet you." (Will)

"And I am Roy Crottos, nice to meet you." (Roy)

As I was asked to shake hands, I shook the two's hands, and introduced myself once again as well.

"I'm Sasha. It's nice to meet you." (Akane)

Will-san is a soft-looking person. He's a different type than Roy-san. A question came from that Will-san.

"By the way, Mia and Himika went out with an amazing smile, did

you say something?” (Will)

“Aah, they questioned me about a magic, so after I gave them advice and they both understood, they said they’d try it out in the suburbs.” (Akane)

“Advice, is it? It’s been a long time since I’ve seen the two make such bright expressions.” (Will)

“Yeah, it’s been a long time for me as well. They were brooding a lot over something recently. I guess they made a break through by consulting with Sasha.” (Roy)

They haven’t spoken to Will-san and Roy-san about it, huh? Let’s keep it a secret.

“To change the topic, watching your mock battle I thought that Will-san’s strong points were the wind and storm attributes, and Roy-san’s strong points were the water and ice attributes. Is this correct?” (Akane)

“You figured out *that* much in the mock battle? That’s amazing. That’s right, my strong points are the wind and storm attributes.” (Will)

“What amazing powers of observation. Yeah, my strong points are the water and ice attributes.” (Roy) *Then, I’ll teach 『Tornado Bomb』 to Will-san, and 『———』 to Roy-san.*

“There are magics that I have developed, would you like to try memorizing them? If you master these, you two’s offensive ability will raise quite a bit.” (Akane)

I had Mia-san’s and Himika-san’s matters as well, it was okay. After I explained the two magics, Will-san and Roy-san were both shocked.

“『Tornado Bomb』, is it? It’s right up my alley. The same for Roy’s magic.” (Will)

“Oh, 『———』? Is it considerably difficult to control?” (Roy)

——An hour later, all the adventurers grew familiar with 『Magical Power Cladding』, and thanked me repeatedly. *Let’s give them some advice here.*

“Everyone, please be careful, even if you have 『Magical Power Cladding』. When the ranks of the evil tribes rise, I think that there’ll

be some who clad themselves in evil power unconsciously. Even among you, I think that even the same evil tribes have different strengths, and when higher rank evil tribes are fighting, certain kill moves become suddenly ineffective. I imagine you have experience with the effects of magic being reduced.” (Akane) The high-rank adventurers nodded all at once. Bahn-san also put in a follow-up.

“Indeed. At first, we were advancing advantageously, but then that bastard suddenly became *stronger*. I fought while cooperating with Rifia, and in the end, I was just barely able to win with my certain kill move. Maybe that was because it was cladding itself in evil power?” (Bahn)

With Bahn-san’s follow-up as well, all of the adventurers uniformly understood.

Come to think of it, I thought it unexpectedly when I saw Bahn-san. “This person has mastered the flame attribute, huh?”.

“Sorry for this being all of a sudden, but have you mastered the flame attribute, Bahn-san?” (Akane)

“I have, but why so sudden? If you use appraisal, I’ll know?” (Bahn)

“If I use something like appraisal on Will-san or you, Bahn-san, it’ll be exposed in one go.” (Akane) Here, Will-san also came.

“What? We know when you do it. Because in our classes, when appraised, we’ll feel discomfort.” (Will)

“I have mastered the flame attribute. As a test, how about I dwell flames in my sword?” (Bahn) *Hm, a red flame dwelled in the orichalcum sword. Amazing, it has quite a bit of power.*

But, it’s not quite there. It’s incomplete.

“Bahn-san, please listen to me without getting angry. That power is still incomplete. How about you try using power one-step higher?” (Akane)

The surroundings became chaotic. *It was to be expected, huh. It was like I was picking a fight with him.*

“Fuu, Oi, Sasha, are you saying that seriously?” (Bahn)

He’s been applying 『 Coercion 』 . He’s seriously angry, huh?

“Yeep, I’m saying it seriously. May you lend me your sword? I’ll show you now.” (Akane)

“———Okay, show me.” (Bahn)

Perhaps he thought I was serious after he saw my serious facial expression.

Everyone was watching me.

“Well then, it’s the flame Bahn-san used first, but it’s more like *this*.” (Akane) After making a flame dwell in the sword, I compressed it even more than Bahn-san did, and converged it.

“Oi oi, you’re joking, right? Suddenly showing me an outrageous thing.” (Bahn)

“What are you saying? Bahn-san, you can use 『Magical Power Cladding』 now, so you can do this much immediately.

After this is the real show.” (Akane)

The red flame dwelling in the sword changed to a bluish-white. Everyone watching held their breath. *I guess they know that just now when it changed to blue, the power rose many times over.*

“Oi, Sasha, what is this! I’ve never seen such power!” (Bahn)

“This is the completed form of flame magic. Should you master the essence of flames, it will look like this. You’ll be able to master it before long, Bahn-san.” (Akane)

“Teach me now! If you display a thing like this, I’ll want to learn it immediately!” (Bahn)

“Alright. Because currently, the *only* one who can master it is you, Bahn-san.” (Akane) *Yep, unless you make your wondrous flame magic level 10 (MAX), it couldn’t transform into blue. Even though I just made an incomplete burning burn perfectly—how strange. Bahn-san, you’re amazing after all.* After only about 30

minutes, he completely mastered it.

And now, the time to speak about my trump card had come at last.

Chapter 15 – Iris’ Loss of Confidence?

At last, the time to speak about my trump card had come. When I

looked at Iris, we both nodded, and Iris began speaking.

“Everyone, it’s time to speak about the most important thing. It’s regarding our trump card for the battle against the evil tribes.” (Iris)

Here, a question came from Bahn-san.

“Please wait a minute. I thought that 『Magical Power Cladding』 and my flame’s perfected form were worthy enough to be trump cards, but there’s something bigger than that?” (Bahn)

“Yes, this magic will be the trump card for all genuine adventurers. As Onee-sama said, since I know they will come attack, it seems I should take all the measures that I can take.” (Iris)

The moment they heard “Onee-sama”, everyone looked this way at once. *I think they know who that is.*

“Sorry, please continue the explanation.” (Bahn)

“Okay. The name of the magic is 『All Abilities Double』, it has the power to double all current basic attribute values.”

(Iris)

As soon as she spoke, all the adventurers made a fuss. *Iris really is cute when she’s all flustered.*

“Bahn-san, is it okay if I test it on you?” (Iris)

“Wait, who’s the one that developed it? It isn’t you, Iris-sama, right? Is it Sasha!” (Bahn)

“Uu, yes, Onee-sama developed it.” (Iris)

Defeated by his intensity, she revealed it. Iris looked like she was about to cry.

“I developed it. But, as this magic is difficult to control, it can’t be used easily. The only ones who can use it as of now are Iris and I.” (Akane)

“You really *are* someone big. Hiding a ridiculous secret item. Yeah, it’s fine, Iris-sama, please use that magic on me!”

(Bahn)

Here, Rifia-san pulled a ‘Oh no you don’t’.

“Wait a minute. Please do that magic on me as well.” (Rifia)

Rifia-san, please don’t look at Iris with such dreadful eyes. She’s scared.

“G-, got it. Then, here I go! ——— 『All Abilities Double』 ” (Iris)

Bahn-san and Rifia-san were covered in a red-white light.

“Oi oi, seriously? This rising condition, there’s no mistake. My power’s nearly doubled.” (Bahn)

“You must be kidding. To be able to create a spell like this, Sasha, you’re a prodigy. But, I understand. Iris, you’re just as amazing. In order to invoke this magic, you have to completely understand the flow of magical power inside the other person’s body, and understand their offensive ability, defensive ability, and agility. And, without the image power of “all abilities are double” being perfect it should be impossible. I guess the key to success is not using appraisal, but doing it with your own intuition.” (Rifia)

Iris was shocked, and looked at me.

Naturally, I was surprised as well. *To see through the mystery of this magic after only seeing it once, she’s too amazing.*

“Will~~, can you come over here for a bit~~.” (Rifia)

All of a sudden, Rifia-san made a sweet voice, and tempted Will-san. Will probably felt a dangerous aura.

“I’ll have to refuse.” (Will)

“Oh~, why? Then, if you go along with my experiment, I’ll give you. a~, lap~, pillow~.” (Rifia)

“Understood~~. Instruct me to do anything.” (Will)

Will-san went over to where Rifia-san was with an energetic dash.

Iris and I were shocked. *Will-san, you’re too weak to temptation.*

Is this person really an A-class?

When he looked at Roy-san, Roy-san said in a low voice “That idiot! Afterwards, he’ll be hit by Mia!”.

“In this case, Roy, would you also come over here~~. If you go along with it, you’ll get a lap pillow as, well!” (Rifia)

“Okay~~! Instruct me to do anything.” (Roy)

Adventurers appeared one after another “Me too me too me too~~!”, but were stopped. *You men~~! Maybe, Sakuragi-kun is weak to temptation like that as well? ——Wait, what are you thinking about, me!*

Rifia-san spoke to the two with a smile.

“Will, Roy, stay motionless for a bit, okay? Hmmm, uh huh, uh huh, about doneee, alright, 『All Abilities Double』 ”

(Rifia)

And then, a red-white light covered Will-san and Roy-san as well. *You’re kidding! Only about 5 minutes have past since she saw it a bit ago. Learning it by watching just once, what a cheat.*

“Will, Roy, how do you feel?” (Rifia)

“Seriously!? This magic is amazing. It feels different from Magical Power Cladding, but my skills clearly nearly doubled.

How about you, Roy?” (Will)

“The same as you said. They’ve nearly doubled. Haha, this is amazing!” (Roy) When I looked at Iris, she looked like she was about to cry.

“Onee-sama~~. I-, it took nearly 4 hours for me to master that magic~~! Rifia-san used it immediately just by seeing iiitttt. Maybe I’m talentleeessssss!” (Iris)

Iris cried a lot, and hugged me. *Let’s comfort her.* Perhaps Rifia-san also felt bad, as she put in a follow-up.

“Ah, I’m sorry. Iris, you’re amazing. Controlling this magic is *super* difficult. In my case, I’ve lived for hundreds of years with elves, so I am confident in my ability to control. Even though you are still 11 years old, you can use this magic. This is proof of a very promising future.” (Rifia)

“Uuu, really?” (Iris)

Let’s also put in a follow-up.

“Really, Iris. You are at the small age of 11, it’s really amazing that you can use a magic that’s this difficult to control.”

(Akane)

After that, she forgot her worries and I got her to turn in for the day in her room. I returned to training grounds, and hurriedly warned Rifia-san.

“Rifia-san, if you immediately use a magic that Iris memorized after hardship right before her eyes, she’ll definitely receive a shock, you know! A bit more, and she would’ve lost her confidence.” (Akane)

“Sorry, Sasha. The magic Iris used was just too amazing, I was in a trance.” (Rifia) Bahn-san also apologized.

“I’m seriously sorry. It’s a *bad* habit of hers. When she comes across an interesting magic, she becomes unable to see the surroundings.” (Bahn)

“From now on, *please* be really careful. Please at least don’t do it in front of Iris.” (Akane)

“Yeah, I’m sorry. I’ll be careful.” (Rifia)

Hmm? Come to think of it, where are Will-san and Roy-san? Ah, there they are! Both of them are doing the guts pose for some reason.

“Those 2 are unusually happy, is it really just a lap pillow?” (Akane)

“Of course, it is a reward. If Mia and Himika know about it, punishment will come.” (Rifia) *Yeah, let’s let them know. The two of them need punishment.*

When Iris returned to normal, we joined up with the Chivalric Order, and the three of us—Me, Iris, and Rifia-san—

chanted 『All Abilities Double』 on everyone. The magic that Iris chanted was invoked without problem. *Thank god, I was a bit worried, but this is fine.* All of the adventurers were very happy that their powers increased. Finn was also mixed in among them. *That child has completely forgotten her social status as a princess, hasn’t she?*

Will-san came over here.

“Sasha, you said that this is a trump card, didn’t you? Since it’s a ‘trump card’, there’s naturally also demerits, right?”

(Will)

Here, I spoke the full story about this magic.

All of the adventurers were in wonder about the amazingness and demerits of this magic.

“Hahaha, I see, so that’s why the time limit is 30 minutes, huh? A basic attribute value raising due to 『Magical Power Cladding』, and a doubling from another person there? No wonder this magic is a trump card.” (Will)

“Later, if everyone can teach their friends 『Magical Power Cladding』, every preparation will be ready.” (Akane)

“You had something to do with the development of new potions, weapons and armors, didn’t you?” (Will)

“Now, what might you be referring to?” (Akane)

I evaded the question with a smile.

Even after that, there were many questions from Will-san? *Is he flirting?* Though he did so, everyone understood and went home.

Will-san said some mysterious words “From now on, best regards” as he left.

Finn and Iris were watching such a scene and me with smiles.

“Master, you felt really good with Will-san, didn’t you?” (Finn)

“That’s right, Onee-sama, were you well-matched?” (Iris)

Eh, did it look like that? Hmm, at the end it did feel like he was flirting.

“I will not go out with anyone yet.” (Akane)

“”Eeehhh? That’s such a waste!”” (Finn + Iris)

After that, I was thanked a lot by Himika-san and Mia-san after they returned. It seemed the combination magic was a success. And, when I told them about Will-san and Roy-san’s lap pillow, the two’s atmospheres changed.

“Heeeeh? I do wonder what those two are doing in this situation~~. Don’t you think so~~, Himika?” (Mia)

“Definitely~. For this, they need to be punished *twice* as much as normal~~.” (Himika) That night, the disgusting shrieks of two men were heard from a certain inn.

Chapter 16 – The Night Before the War and Another Trump Card

○○○ A Certain Evil Tribe’s Point of View (Jake’s Point of View)

Due to the two S-Class evil tribes being annihilated in an instant, on the morning of that day, the 5 remaining evil tribes gathered and an emergency meeting was held.

Me, Cazak, Yagan, Solon, and Douki were investigating to figure out who caused this situation. This time, the ones selected for the Fall of Sphereart operation were us of the evil dragon tribe. Evil King-sama himself appointed us. This was a matter of pride for us. Evil King-sama gave us two orders: erase Iris, and destroy Sphereart. It went fine up to erasing Iris. Six people excluding me manipulated humans, loaded night after night a magical circle with the magical power necessary for a transfer, and though it took a while we succeeded in erasing her. The problem was what happened after that.

Dorion was annihilated right in front of me. And then, Rogue was killed after him. Cazak is the one who observed Rogue being annihilated. This is clearly weird. There’s no doubt that there is a human in Sphereart annihilating us with ease.

But, how are they killing us? Thinking about it normally, after severing the line of evil power, you can fire a magic through that line. Yes, that’s fine. But the problem is after that! A magic that can annihilate us S-Class in an instant doesn’t exist. Tsk, time for the meeting already, huh?

The emergency meeting was held at Cazak’s command.

“Now, I imagine you know already, but it’s about Dorion and Rogue. Dorion was annihilated in an instant in front of Jake, and Rogue in front of me. As of now, the only thing we know is that white lightning appeared immediately after the lines using brainwashing were severed, and it burned Dorion and Rogue to nothing. The magic used was probably the holy magic 『Holy Bolt』. If you have something you want to say, please speak.” (Cazak)

“I know that 『Holy Bolt』 is strong, but there’s no way it’s that. The power is too different! Oi, Yagan, what’s wrong?”

(Jake)

Yagan looked strange. He was sweating an unusual amount.

“This magic’s greater than Evil King-sama’s, unbelievable. And what is this presence I faintly sense? Who is this woman.” (Yagan)

Immediately after I thought Yagan was starting to say something unexpected, that white lightning appeared. And this time there were four bolts! *Oi, what gives!* The four bolts of lightning directly hit everyone other than me. —When I looked around after the light settled, everyone had been annihilated.

Oi oi, what the hell. Everyone who used 『Brainwash』 died in a god damn instant. This time, four were killed at once during the meeting. All of them were S-Class warriors. What is this? Who fucking did this! The S-Class force sent to Sphereart numbered seven including me, what bastard could kill 6 of them in an instant? A hero?...no, it’s not. A hero wouldn’t attack like this. There’s no mistake: someone unknown to us is among the humans Dammit, calm down, calm down. There must be some kind of clue. —That’s right, right before Yagan died, he was saying something about

“being greater than Evil King-sama’s”, and “woman”. Does he mean that there’s a woman in Sphereart that has magical power at least greater than Evil King-sama’s! No, wait, that answer is too pressing. At any rate, there’s no doubt that there is someone unknown who is about the same strength as Evil King-sama.

What to do, how should I move? If I use my full power breath, it might be able to destroy Sphereart’s holy magic. But, they have someone unknown to me. Should I withdraw as it is? No, there’s no way I can. Could I really return in shame after committing such errors! That would only make me an idiot. Tsk, with things being like this, I should go with a frontal attack right away without using a long-winded method like transferring little by little before that bastard of unknown strength comes. Well, it’s still fine since I’ve cleared the most important task: erasing Iris in the beginning, but ahhh, it’s annoyinnnnng. Stop thinking about it. If it’s like this, it’ll be fine with the only ones going towards the Royal Capital being the Hero Assassination Unit. They’re a small group of three, but those few elites all have the power of an A-Class. It’ll be alright if it’s those three.

I’ll add everything else to the force that will attack Sphereart, and we’ll surround them in every direction and attack all at once. They should fall fast since our war potential is about 2x theirs. Even the one of unknown strength shouldn’t be able to move thoughtlessly if a large number of evil tribes close in on them. In the first place, I would’ve died as well if they were able to move freely. They must have some kind of constraint. Even if

they were to go outside, I might be able to burn them to nothing with my breath if they couldn't exert their power.

Bastard! I want to attack right now, but since I'll be preparing everything by myself, it will take 2 more days, I think.

Whatever, I'm watching, and you and the humans'll be sorry.

○○○ Sasha's Point of View

The next day, I sensed an extremely small amount of evil power from around Sphereart. It's rising bit by bit. Perhaps they've noticed the adventurers? These people have noticed it: S-Class Bahn-san and Rifia-san, A-Class Will-san, Roy, Mia-san, and Himika-san, and the guild chief, Stig-san, who I happened to meet yesterday. They're finally going to attack, huh? The fact that evil power is surrounding Sphereart means they'll transfer all at once and cut off escape. With this amount, they'll transfer at about 8:00 in the morning tomorrow. The preparations were just in time. Our opponents won't know that we've sensed them beforehand, so it'll be surprising if they're on the watch for everything. Now, let's go meet with the guild chief after I report to Eleanor-sama.

This place was the cathedral's banquet hall, and in there currently was me, Finn, Iris, the nobles, and Eleanor-sama.

"The evil tribes will attack at around 8:00 tomorrow morning, you say? How do you know it that accurately?" (Eleanor)

"I think you'll probably know it if you have the 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill at level 5 or higher. The S-Class and A-Class adventurers and Stig-san, the guild chief, should've already started some preparations with a rough idea." (Akane) *The nobles sure are all scared.*

"We're also all ready to fight. The leaders C-Class and above have the newly developed manmade magical swords, and we're raising every individual's power with 『Magical Power Cladding』. And, my final trump card is also ready. This time, I daresay at least one S-Class evil tribe will appear without fail. Bahn-san and Will-san will deal with that one. Of course, Finn and I will also participate in the battle. Iris will provide cover fire from the cathedral in the back. However, when it's time to use the trump card, she'll go out into the frontlines. I will escort her at that time." (Akane)

The moment I said "she'll go out into the frontlines", they protested,

but after I said that I'd escort her, everyone agreed, saying "If Sasha-sama's next to her, she'll be fine no matter what".

"And, the thing called battle always has things beyond expectations spring up. If more evil tribes appear than we expected, then I'll use one more trump card." (Akane)

"I haven't heard about that, Sasha. What is the one other trump card?" (Eleanor) The nobles were all noisy when I said this.

She hasn't heard about it, so it's natural Eleanor-sama would wonder what it is.

"Sorry, but I can't tell you at this point in time. Will you please believe in me, everyone?" (Akane) After a short silence,

"—Alright, I'll believe in you. Now that we've come this far, everyone will share the same fate. Let's all work together, and fight the battle against the evil tribes." (Eleanor)

Although I hadn't been here long, both Eleanor-sama and the nobles seemed to trust me. *Sorry, but the trump card magic is too dangerous, so I can't tell you guys it since you'll definitely all oppose it if I tell you it now.*

When we were all in agreement, I parted with Iris for now and went towards Finn and the adventurer's guild.

"Master, I'll be helpful, won't I?" (Finn)

"You've been earnestly training with the Chivalric Order until now. It's fine, have confidence. You have to pay attention the most immediately after the battle starts. Though we're moving with the Chivalric Order, your movements always have to be firm, as you still lack an overwhelming amount of combat experience. Don't rush, it's fine to warm up with weak enemies and move up bit by bit. Don't be manipulated by presences. Even if you make a mistake, don't come to the frontlines. Don't worry, I'll continuously observe you and Iris." (Akane)

"Manipulated by presences? I understand. I'll be careful. I think it'll be fine as the knights are also there." (Finn) After arriving at the guild, the strategies were discussed more detail with the party leaders of the adventurers, led by the guild chief Stig-san, and S-Class Bahn-san and Rifia-san. Though we were surrounded in every direction, it didn't necessarily mean that the evil tribes distributed their strength evenly. So, 1) As the initial deployment, the Chivalric Order would take the

north gate in the direction of the balcony where Eleanor-sama always made an appearance, and parties of C-Class or lower were divided equally among the 3 remaining gates; they would standby at the gates starting tonight.

2) Parties of B-Class and higher would stay at the cathedral today, and, after confirming the evil tribes tomorrow morning, would rush towards places where a bias towards the evil tribes' strength was occurring.

3) The A-Class party "Gale" would beat the enemies' second strongest fighter.

4) The S-Class party "Blaze of Dawn" would beat the boss.

5) If there were 3 S-Class enemies, I would get the third. Well, we didn't know their rank, so it was S-Class for now.

Apparently, Bahn-san and Rifia-san moved behind the scenes somehow. But, me and Iris wouldn't fight the boss if we could help it, since we needed to preserve our magical power to invoke our magic trump cards.

6) I personally would provide cover fire at the 2 gates that Bahn-san and Will-san weren't at. I got the leaders to understand by telling them that I could use the space-time magic short-distance transfer 『Instantaneous Movement』.

And, as there was a high enough possibility that an emergency situation would occur in every area, I put 『points』 on the leaders of the adventurers today in order to invoke the 'Crisis Sensing' skill. It was possible to link this 『Crisis Sensing skill』 with 『points』, so if an adventurer with a 『point』 fell into crisis, it was possible for me to rescue them quickly by invoking my 『Crisis Sensing』 skill. When I informed everyone of this, they were shocked. Why? When I asked, it turned out that though the 『points』 skill was easy to get, there wasn't a detailed explanation in the status, so apparently no one

knew what it did until now. *Hey, Sphere, show an explanation in the status, will ya?* It was set so that when your skill level rose, so did the number of people you could put 'points' on.

7) The trump card 『All Abilities Double』 would be used for 20 minutes from the frontlines, and we decided to use it on the 2nd team after they substituted in, and again on the 3rd team after they

substituted in. That way, we'd be able to back up the people who ran out of magical power and slowed down.

For now, our tactics were like that. But, there's a good chance something unexpected will happen. Come to think of it, I have to thank my Aikido teacher for this way of thinking, huh?

【Listen, Akane, Aikido will definitely be helpful to you. But, you don't know what will happen in your everyday life.

Always assume the worst. A truck might come from around that street corner.^A A child might come out from a car's shadow. A slasher might attack you. The same goes even when studying for your tests. Even if you think 'this problem won't be on the test', you should think 'it will be there'. Thinking like that usually backfires. Well, don't set your heart on what I just said; assuming it will be there is enough. It may be tiring at first, but if you always behave like that, your body will gradually grow accustomed to it, and you'll be able to take action quickly.】

Teacher, what you taught me is useful now.

The worst...hmm, for example, "there are 10 S-Class enemies", "there are more than 10,000 evil tribes", or maybe even both . Always assume the worst. If it does happen, let's use the other trump card I told Eleanor-sama about.

If it comes down to this trump card being used, I need to think about how it's used. I have a feeling that Rifia-san in particular will likely say something. After the guild meeting ended, a question came from Rifia-san. From what she said, it seemed it was bad to only have taught Bahn-san the completed form of flame magic. "I have ice magic and storm magic both at level 10, so I want you to teach me the completed forms of both". When I went out to an open space and taught her the completed form of ice magic for now, she mastered it in about 30 minutes. *She really is a prodigy.* As the completed form of storm magic would damage the area, I only explained it in theory. After all, the completed form of storm magic freely manipulated the atmospheric pressure of the atmosphere regardless of size.

9:00 that night; I couldn't sleep. It was earlier than I usually went to sleep, maybe I was nervous after all? Finn and Iris were asleep next to me, probably exhausted from training. *Let's use Concealment and take a light stroll.*

When I came to the balcony Eleanor-sama was at yesterday, someone was there. *Huh? Roy-san? Let's cancel Concealment.*

"Roy-san, what are you doing at this late an hour?" (Akane)

"What, Sasha? I just couldn't sleep." (Roy)

"How strange, me too. Are you worried about something?" (Akane)

"It really was showing on my face, huh? You're correct." (Roy)

Anyone would figure it out if they saw that serious face of yours.

"You didn't want Himika-san to see your face, did you?" (Akane)

"*Gu!* Well, you're not wrong. Don't tell her. I don't want to worry her." (Roy) *Oh~? You also had a side like that. Now I really want to tell her.*

"Alright. I'll keep it a secret. So, what's on your mind?" (Akane)

"Well, I guess I can tell you it. It's simple, really. I want to be strong. I'm just worried about whether I'll be able to beat the enemies tomorrow with my current strength." (Roy)

"You really did speak your mind, huh? Then, how about I use 『Appraisal』 on you? My level is high, so rarely I can find out about awakening skills." (Akane)

The moment he heard that, Roy-san grabbed both of my shoulders. *Please forgive me. The man hiding behind the wall is turning a frightening amount of killing intent towards me.*

"Is that true!" (Roy)

"Yeah, but it's rare. Do you want to gamble on it?" (Akane)

"Of course I do! Please do it!" (Roy)

The results of the appraisal: one was found. Whether or not he'd be able to do it was up to the person himself.

After cooperating with Roy-san's special training, I quietly returned to my room, and fell asleep.

The next morning at 7:45, the evil tribes all appeared at once about

1km from Sphereart, surrounding Sphereart in every direction in an instant. Though the total number of evil tribes wasn't known, you could tell even from the 2nd floor of the cathedral that the land was buried by evil tribes. *I think there really are 10,000 of them. And, there's a stupidly huge evil dragon behind the evil tribes right in front of me. That's the boss, no doubt about it!*

Yep, I'm doing it, there's too many. I prepared for this as well, but since time was short, it was limited.

1) The development of potions and magic additions to weapons and armor←the necessary minimum were made.

2) Distributed the 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill

3) Strengthened the S-Class and A-Class adventurers and developed new magics.

4) Trump card 1: the 『All Abilities Double』 skill

5) Trump card 2: the 『?』 magic

How far we can go with just these preparations? I think it'll be fine, as each party was given at least one weapon and armor with the recovery magic 『High Heal』, but the problem is the evil tribes' numbers.

Bahn-san immediately rushed over and surveyed the surroundings.

“Oi oi, this is more than we expected. How many are there? It's damn overflowing with evil tribes. The boss is that evil dragon, huh? Ha, I'm itching to show it my moves! But, our numbers are overwhelmingly lacking. Is it suddenly a hopeless situation?” (Bahn)

You're right. Our numbers are too small. The difference in strength is probably about 10 times.

Iris and Finn also looked uneasy. The adventurers standing by at the gates were clearly shaken up as well.

“It'll be okay. I thought it might end up like this, I'll use the other trump card I prepared.” (Akane)

“Oi, why didn't you tell us beforehand?” (Bahn)

I thought you'd say that. Good thing I thought of an excuse.

“I honestly didn't know whether I'd be able to prepare this trump card

in time. It'd be the worst if I told you about it beforehand and then it ended like 'Guess I couldn't do it after all'." (Akane)

"*Mu*, that certainly is a fair reason. But, will your magical power be alright?" (Bahn) *This magic is quite special, unlike the previous ones. Above all, it consumes enormous amounts of magical power. I could do it alone, but this is Sphereart's war. Let's have all the citizens cooperate.*

"This magic consumes enormous amounts of magical power. So, I'll take 1/10th of the maximum amount of magical power that every citizen of Sphereart has. And, I'll invoke it one way or another." (Akane)

"Onee-sama, can you do something like that?" (Iris)

"I can. The magic that'll mass slaughter the enemies is the space-time magic 『Meteor Rain』, and the magic that'll take the magical power from the citizens is 『Absorb』. I'll make it so that the citizens can invoke 『Absorb』 by just raising their hands. I mean, I *did* make the magic work like that. But, the problem is the number of people. There's a great deal of magical power required in invoking 『Meteor Rain』. How many people will believe me?" (Akane) As I thought, Rifia-san immediately said "Wait" to this.

"Setting aside 『Absorb』, the space-time magic 『Meteor Rain』!? Sasha, stop! That's way too dangerous! If you make a mistake in controlling it, you'll destroy Sphereart. Please say something too, Eleanor-sama." (Rifia)

"Rifia, we have no choice but to believe in Sasha here. Besides, unless it succeeds, Sphereart doesn't have a future."

(Eleanor)

"Rifia-san, it'll be alright. Please believe in me." (Akane)

"Kukuku, space-time magic, you say? Isn't it fine, Rifia? We have no choice but to believe in Sasha here. Besides, look at their numbers. No matter how many combination magics we use, I don't think we can deal with them." (Bahn)

"*Uu*, true, with this many, just me, Mia, and Himika don't have enough magical power." (Rifia) I had to somehow persuade her here.

"Rifia-san, I know it's really dangerous. But this is the only way to reduce their numbers all at once." (Akane)

“——Alright. I have no choice but to believe you. But, how will you gather the magical power?” (Rifia)

“Haha, isn’t the most ideal person for that right in front of her?” (Bahn)

“Yes. Iris, could you please do it?” (Akane)

“I understand. This is a job only I can do. Please leave it to me.” (Iris)
Now, the war with the evil tribes will finally start.

Let the war begin!

Chapter 17 – Outbreak of War, Invocation of the Space-Time Magic 『Meteor Rain』

I used the space magic 『Wavelength』 so that Iris’ voice could reach all of Sphereart.

“Iris, you can talk now.” (Akane)

“《Everyone, can you hear me? It’s me, Iris. I think you all know this, but evil tribes have appeared about 1km from here.

We currently are surrounded on all four sides and are unable to run away. Their numbers are a lot higher than we expected, but please don’t despair. I will use another trump card after this. However, this magic requires an enormous amount of magical power. Therefore, I have a request for everyone. Everyone, please give me some of your magical power. I will cast a magic that takes 1/10th your magical power by raising your hands and gives it to me. Please believe me. The invocation of this magic will determine the outcome of this battle. Everyone, please lend me your strength.》”

(Iris)

Immediately following that, the entirety of Sphereart made a ruckus.

“That’s Iris-sama’s voice.” “Yeah, she’s so calm. Iris-sama, I believe you!”

“Iris-samaaaa!” “Iris-samaaaa!”

Magical power rapidly gathered in both of my hands. *Iris isn’t the saint for nothing. What a terrifying unifying force.* Then, a large voice was heard from the direction of the evil dragon.

“GAAAAH~! Is that you I hear, humans~! I hope you’re damn prepared, ’cause we’re going to trample you now~~!!!”

(Jake)

Not good, the magic won’t make it in time like this.

Even so, that evil dragon...even though we’re protecting every direction with the knights and the adventurers and all our preparations, he doesn’t look that surprised. For now, maybe he isn’t an idiot? The endgame was half-hearted, so I thought it might be a gathering of idiots.

“Iris, buy me some time, about 5 minutes’ worth. I’ve expanded the width so those evil tribes can hear it. If we don’t, friend and foe alike will be caught up in the magic.” (Akane)

Iris nodded, and starting buying time against the evil dragon. *I’ll leave it to you! Although it was in time for the preparations, this magic takes time to pull that to right above us.*

“You, the evil tribe there, what do you want?” (Iris)

“Ahhh, what do I wannnt? Isn’t that obvious? I want you humans’ spirits to tremble in despair. Is this voice a brat’s! A brat is having a conversation with me, huh? Quite a bit of bravery ya got there.”
(Jake)

“My name isn’t *brat*. I received the wonderful name of *Iris Falling* from Eleanor-sama, someone I worship.” (Iris)

“HA~! Iris Falling! Nice joke. She’s become feed for my comrades in the back of the large forest. Maybe just the bones are left.” (Jake)

His endgame really was half-hearted through and through. If you’re going to transfer her, at least make sure she dies.

“Too bad for you, but I was saved by *them* right before I died. *That person* is very powerful.” (Iris)

“Tsk, that’s bad if it’s true. Whatever, I’ll just have to turn you and everyone here in Sphereart into a bloodbath.” (Jake) *Alright, it made it in time. Space-time magic 𐀀 Meteor Rain 𐀁, invoke!*

“Iris, that’s enough. I invoked it just now. Say something at the end.”
(Akane)

“You won’t be able to. The ones who will win will be us. Firstly, we’ll

give you this present. Space-time magic 『Meteor Rain』.” (Iris)

All the citizens of Sphereart, including the adventurers, would never forget this scene for as long as they lived. They helped invoke this magic, after all.

The moment Iris spoke, a small, black dot in the sky far above Sphereart. In the beginning no one noticed. However, when it gradually became big enough that you could see it even with the naked eye, all the citizens started making noise, and looked up to the skies. Then, with a huge noise, that dot exploded. As if it were God’s wrath, the innumerable rock fragments turned into meteors, sniping the evil tribes in the surroundings. And, a huge cloud of dust rose up, making the evil tribes disappear.

At this time I, the caster, hadn’t seen this scene at all. I couldn’t afford to see it. Because I was concentrating the shockwave produced by the explosion and all the fragments on the evil tribes around Sphereart. This magic was terribly difficult to control. If I made even one mistake, I would destroy Sphereart, just like Rifia-san said. I guess Iris, Bahn-san, and Will-san and the others knew that I was desperately controlling it. No one called out to me.

“*Haa, haa, haa*, Bahn-san, what’s the situation looking like?” (Akane)
No one replied with anything. *Oy, say something. It’s not like I’m worried or anything.*

“Bahn-san!” (Akane)

“Y-yeah? S-Sorry. It was just so powerful, it honestly scared me. What a dreadful magic. I can’t tell because the dust hasn’t completely cleared yet, but a third are dead, and for most part the rest are severely injured, but there are a few uninjured ones. The boss should’ve taken a pretty big beating, with his large frame and all. Though they’ve decreased to some extent, there are still quite a few left.” (Bahn)

“*Haa, haa, fuu*, good. It worked just as it should’ve. Well then, it’s the beginning of a full-blown battle now. Everyone, let’s do our best!” (Akane)

Rifia-san looked shocked.

“Sasha, you...you didn’t really control 『Meteor Rain』 all by yourself, did you? Even *I* can’t do that.” (Rifia)

“Well, let’s ask her about this magic later. Let’s go, while the dust hasn’t cleared up! Will, can you guys get the guy in the opposite direction of the boss? It’s pretty close to S-Rank. Even though you have 『Magical Power Cladding』, don’t be careless.” (Bahn)

“That’s my line, Bahn-san. Even though the evil dragon’s hurt, it also has breath. Don’t be careless.” (Will) Thus, under Iris’ guidance, all the adventurers in the cathedral decided their positions and broke up.

“Onee-sama, are you okay? Is that magic that hard to control?” (Iris)

“Of course it is. I had to make the shockwave from when it exploded and all the fragments of the rocks go towards the evil tribes. If I made a mistake, we’d be the ones annihilated. That’s why I couldn’t tell everyone, and I didn’t want to use it if possible. It’s too dangerous. Eleanor-sama, please make sure to not use it repeatedly. This magic appears to be a ritual magic originally found in ancient documents.” (Akane)

“Yes, I know. But I never imagined you’d invoke and control it all by yourself. *I definitely* don’t want to use it. I don’t think we can use a magic that takes so much out of even you.” (Eleanor)

Fuuu, I’ve calmed down. Yeah, don’t use a magic for the first time when you’re nervous. This was my first time trying it, so about 1/3rd of them missed. It also used more strength than I thought it would, I need to make it more precise next time.

“Well, Iris, the next time I come here will be when we use the final trump card. I’m going to go participate in the battle.”

(Akane)

“Onee-sama, don’t you need to rest more?” (Iris)

“Don’t go saying that. Even though they’re heavily damaged, there’s a lot of them. I have to back them up. It looks fine from what I can see, so use magic. But, there’s still the trump card, so save your magical power.” (Akane)

“Understood, be careful.” (Iris)

When I moved to a gate relatively close to the evil tribes with Instantaneous Movement, the cloud of dust cleared.

At the same time the dust cleared completely, evil power surged from the evil dragon in anger.

“YOU’VE DONE IT NOWWW, IRIIIS. I’LL BE SURE TO EAT YOU LAST. EVIL TRIBES, THE BATTLE STARTS

NOW. TRAMPLE DOWN THE HUMANSSS!” (Jake)

The full-blown battle in Sphereart had begun.

(Later, this battle would be deeply engraved in Sphereism and in the history of the Thelmia Kingdom.)

○○○ Finn’s Point of View

I’ve heard about the space-time magic 『 Meteor Rain 』 . And yes, it is written in millenia old documents. But, that should be a ritual magic done by hundreds of people. There’s no way Iris could’ve done such a large-scale magic. As I thought, it was you, Master. You controlled that huge explosion of rock alone. The knights in the surroundings were staring in shock at the countless meteors. And, they appeared to have noticed that this magic was done by you, Master. Voices of “Sasha-sama” could be heard from the surroundings. At any rate, I absolutely don’t want to forget this sight right now, where meteors rain from the skies. I won’t see it a second time.

——The dust had cleared. Though they were far away and it was difficult to tell, there were some corpses, some heavily injured, some unharmed, having used their comrades as shields, and some in various states. But, there were still a lot of them. *Will we be able to deal with them by ourselves? Ah, Bahn-san and Rifia-san have come. They were going to fight that evil dragon in front alone? How incredible.* When it tried to do something to Bahn-san, Rifia-san chopped it from behind. After looking at those two, I calmed down a little. While the dust cleared away completely, that evil dragon roared.

“YOU’VE DONE IT NOWWW, IRIIIS. I’LL BE SURE TO EAT YOU LAST. EVIL TRIBES, THE BATTLE STARTS

NOW. TRAMPLE DOWN THE HUMANSSS!” (Jake)

Now, the battle had begun. The first one to move was Rifia-san. She

appeared to be trying out a new spell. *What the heck would the type of spell be? Oh wow, she invoked the new magic chantless.* A large sphere of liquid appeared above Rifia-san. When it arrived directly overhead the evil tribes, a storm occurred. From what I saw, it looked like she was just soaking the evil tribes with heavy rain, but something was strange. *They're raising high-pitched screams. And what is this cold I feel?*

Rifia-san explained the technique, but I was surprised at the power. What she used was a combination magic of the ice and storm attributes, and when she used the same magic on a nearby rock, it froze just like that. And then, it burst into small pieces from a small impact. *Just what the heck kind of liquid did she put on the rock?* Bahn-san and Rifia-san called out to us, and ran towards the boss. Here, the leader of the knights issued an order.

“You guys, the evil tribes’ defensive power has fallen due to Bahn and Rifia’s magic, so our attacks should go through easily. But, don’t ever lower your guard. Now, let us exterminate the evil tribes~~!”
(Leader)

“””OOOOOH!””” (Knights)

“Move outttt!” (Leader)

The knights began running ahead one after another.

“Princess Finn, please always stay in the center of us. As Sasha-sama said, never go in front of us.” (Leader)

“Okay, I understand.” (Finn)

After saying that, the knight leader ran to the frontlines as well.

And then, the vanguard of the knights met the enemies. *Goblins and kobolds have survived around me too, so I'll eliminate them without mercy.* I could tell what Master meant. My movements really were stiff. *As expected of the knights. I feel like their movements are more clear than during the mock war. I can't lose either.* At that time, an iron bear (C-Rank) came. *Why do I.....?* Even though the enemy was the same rank as an orc lord, I didn’t feel scared. I looked at the enemy, and cut off the part with the weakest evil power.

“There!” (Finn)

I splendidly sliced off its left arm with a 《slice》, and cut off its head with a return technique. *I see, it's the mithril claws.*

These claws have raised my attack power considerably. Alright, I can fight with these. I psyched myself again, and when I searched for presences I sensed several in various places. There were evil tribes and humans fighting here and there; I was impressed that the friendly fire was low. I was subjugating every evil tribe that turned killing intent towards me, but since

there were so many, I didn't know what was happening during it. There was an ogre (D-Class) right behind me, so when I backstepped to dodge it, there was now a fire slime (D-Class), which attacked my leg.

"Hot! *Uwah~*, there's too many, 『High Heal』. Now...you're kidding, it's an ogre knight (B-Class). *Uwah~*." (Finn) When I tried to attack it with 『Thunder Fang』, I heard a 《whoosh》 sound. Then, the ogre knight fell down, cut in two with a single blow, and cold water was poured on me. When I looked in that direction, Master was there.

"Masterrrr, that's meaaaaan." (Finn)

"Geez, didn't I tell you to not come to the frontlines? Look around." (Akane) When I looked at the surroundings after Master told me to, there weren't any knights. Now that I looked closely, I was quite behind.

"Eh? What? When did I...?" (Finn)

"You were manipulated by presences. You got confused since there were a lot of presences here and there, and you missed yourself! Your Presence Sensing level is still low, so you should be careful so that you aren't manipulated by presences again and again, Finn." (Akane)

I was shocked when Master told me that. She definitely had warned me last night. At that time, I thought "It'll be fine, since the knights will be around", but she was pointing out this fact, saying "You were manipulating by presences".

"Uu, sorry, Master. I was manipulated. How are you calm?" (Finn)

"I learned Aikido when I was a child. My teacher was deep into ninjas and hand-to-hand combat arts, and they drove stuff like 'presences' into me for some reason. I didn't think it would help me now, though." (Akane) *Aikido and...ninjas? What? In any case, Master sure is amazing. Compared to that, I'm—*

"Aikido and ninjas? You were trained from childhood, huh? Uuu, I

really am a hindrance.” (Finn)

“Don’t feel bad about it! Everyone is like you are in the beginning. From then, everyone is warned and they become stronger. Like me and the knights.” (Akane)

I see, everyone is weak in the beginning. Even Master was. I want to become strong...I want to become stronger and be like Master! Come to think of it, the evil tribes haven’t attacked us at all. Why?

“Fufu, the light’s back your eyes. I’m casting a simple 『Creature Leave』 now, so the evil tribes won’t notice us. Finn, as advice, form a 【circle】 with you as the center. Yeah, I think about a 5 meter radius for the current you. Narrow down your Presence Sensing to within that radius and correspond to it. Ignore the evil tribes more than 5 meters away unless they’re turning a clear killing intent towards you. You aren’t alone, you have strong allies around you, so you can leave it to them. And if an evil tribe comes within 5 meters of you, move immediately and subjugate them.” (Akane) *A circle with a 5 meter radius...yeah, I can do that!*

“Got it. I’ll believe in my allies and move.” (Finn)

“Fufu, nice reply. As the battle progresses, you’ll get used to it. When you do, you can widen the circle bit by bit. If you do, the level of Presence Sensing will naturally rise as well.” (Akane)

“Okay, Master, I’m fine now. I’ll do my best with the knights.” (Finn)

After that, I joined the knights, and they were worried, so I returned to the frontlines soon after apologizing. I had reassuring allies around me. There was nothing more reliable than that. Following what she said, I imagined a circle with a 5 meter radius in my head, and concentrated on Presence Sensing. And then, I subjugated every last evil tribe that invaded it. *Wow, it’s completely different from before. I can see my surroundings well.*

That’s right, I don’t need to rush. I’ll get stronger bit by bit.

I’m not alone. I’m fighting with everyone.

Chapter 18 – Battle Against Giganto-Bolk

Just now I, in the cathedral, witnessed something unbelievable. A strange object, a rock I think, suddenly appeared in the skies far above us following the 『Meteor Rain』 Iris chanted, and it suddenly exploded. I thought I should prepare for the shockwave, but all the detonated energy and objects rained down on the surrounding evil tribes. Honestly, the sight made me doubt my eyes. I thought that such a large-scale magic was impossible even for the saint Iris, and I tried to call it to Sasha, but she stared at where the explosion occurred, desperately controlling this magic. *Oi oi, can you do that by yourself?* She suddenly appeared, taught us 『Magical Power Cladding』, Bahn-san the completed form of flame magic, and me 『Tornado Bomb』, and now she was taking it to the extremes with this large-scale magic. Bahn-san was also staring at Sasha. Bahn-san and I nodded at each other, probably thinking the same thing.
—— *Thank GOD she's our ally.*

But, considering her way of thinking and teaching, she's probably a reincarnator like me or a summoned from another world. Let's ask her later.

And now, we, the four members of “Gale”, were heading to fight the 2 A-Class evil tribes in the complete opposite direction. Next to me were the usual members: Roy Crottos, Mia Throttle, and Himika Kristen. We were inseparable friends from adventurer school, and they were reliable friends. While we were running Mia asked me something.

She's as cute as usual. And man, her chest. It's huge.

“Hey, Will, what kind of person do you think Sasha-san is? I know she's someone who can be trusted, but she clearly has an abnormal amount of power. There's *no* way I could control that large-scale magic alone like her.” (Mia) Himika agreed to this as well. Her blue hair went down to her waist, and she was as cute as Mia, but she liked Roy so much it was terrifying. Clearly speaking, she was a stalker.

“No kidding. That control ability, 『Magical Power Cladding』, 『Tornado Bomb』, and her way of thinking for 『——

—』 ...she's a monster.” (Himika)

It seemed Roy showed opposition to this.

Roy——his light brown hair is ruffled, he's a very normal man! Definitely

not an ikemen or anything like that! Ku!

“Oi oi, what a terrible thing to say. Well, I know what you want to say, but I’m sure she’s an ally that can be trusted. Will even made a pass at her at the end.” (Roy)

Mia’s atmosphere changed. She stared fixedly at me, her eyes narrow.

Roy, what are you saying? I absolutely did not make a pass at her—I didn’t, right?

“Um, Mia, don’t misunderstand. Never did I make a pass at Sasha because she was cute or anything like that, I just said

‘when the evil tribes have been subjugated, best regards from here on out’.” (Will)

—— *It feels like I half made a pass at her.*

“For now, let’s leave it at that. Well, I see the gate.” (Mia)

This is the worst, Mia’s scary later when she’s like this. Roy, you bastard, I’ll remember this. When I looked at Roy, he averted his eyes and whistled. *Yep, I’ll get even with you later. Whatever, I’ll use this to fight.* When we arrived at the gate and looked at the evil tribes, their numbers had been considerably reduced by 『Meteor Rain』, but there were still a lot of them. *Oi oi, even if we do have Magical Power Cladding, this many is quite severe. Let’s have hope in Himika and Mia’s new magic.*

Suddenly, I heard the evil dragon’s roar, and the evil tribes all roared at once and headed this way. Adventurers started to panic, so I made them calm down with a held-back 『Overpower』.

“Calm down, everyone. Mia and Himika will shoot a new magic now. It’s quite wide and powerful, so we won’t go yet.

Leave it to those two!” (Will)

Mia and Himika calmly smiled.

“Will, leave it to me.” (Mia)

“Roy, I’ll shock you when you see it.” (Himika)

Mia and Himika started concentrating on the new magic. *How serious. I heard it was quite difficult to control, how did they overcome it? Oh, is it*

starting! Mia's right hand and Himika's left hand were connected.

"Attribute of Flame", red flames appeared from Mia's left hand, and...

"Attribute of Storm", a round tornado similar to me appeared from Himika's right hand.

The flames and tornado moved right above the evil tribes, and then combined.

After that, the joined magic rapidly became bigger, and then compressed to about 10 meters in diameter. *Oi oi, I sense a terrible magic power from that sphere. What the hell has begun?* The evil tribes also stopped moving, entering a battle posture against that sphere.

"Eat this, combination magic 『Flame Prominence』." (Mia + Himika)

What happened after that could only be described as one thing—a masterpiece. A giant dragon of red flames appeared from the round sphere and swallowed the evil tribes. With no time to escape the evil tribes were wrapped up in a storm of red flames.

"—What amazing—magical power. Is this the new magic?" (Roy)

Roy's surprised at this too, huh?

"What a god damn nasty magical power! Is this their secret plan?" (Random Adventurer) The surrounding adventurers were also dumbfounded. *That's natural, though.*

"We successfully used it for the first time in actual combat, Himika." (Mia)

"Yep, the power was more than expected. The number was reduced even further with this, so the battle should be a bit easier." (Himika)

Cheers were being raised from the surrounding adventurers. Morale swelled even higher.

"Alright, we're going to where the A-Class guys are! Leave the A-Class guys to us, everyone. We'll definitely kill them. I leave the rest to you guys!" (Will)

giganto-lizard.” (Will)

“”Got it!”” (Roy + Himika)

“Let’s do this, Mia.” (Will)

“Okay!” (Mia)

Usually, you had a high chance of dying if you didn’t face a giganto-bolk with at least 4 people. *But, how about now?* 𐀀

Magical Power Cladding 𐀀 was a technique that clad the outside of your body in magical power. Though Sasha taught me the basics, she said “You should arrange it for yourself”. So, I added the wind attribute to the magical power cladding my body. *I had a hard time controlling it at first, but as you see, now I can do it with ease. Now, how about I try it out?*

The giganto-bolk brandished its club, and swung it down at me.

《 Woosh...BAAAAAAM》

“!! Why’s it striking so slow?” (Will)

The scary thing about a giganto-bolk was how fast it swung its huge club downward. An incomplete speed. Even if I realized it was swinging, I would’ve died many times over by now. If I received a direct hit, I’d ‘exit the stage’ in one shot. And the scariest thing was its red-hot breath it suddenly fired with it. Before, I was focused on its club, so my right hand was grilled by its breath. At any rate, I felt that the speed at which it was swinging downward now was slow. It wasn’t because it was damaged. I felt it was about half as slow as what I’ve seen before. *Does* 𐀀 *Magical Power Cladding*

𐀀 *affect me this much?*

“Mia!” (Will)

“Okay, 𐀀 Ice Machine Gun 𐀀 , gooooo!” (Mia)

《 Woosh, thud thud thud thud thud thud thud 》

The bullets fired at a terrifying speed, partly due to the effects of 𐀀 Magical Power Cladding 𐀀 . This magic itself was a technique I taught Mia. The memories of my previous life really were useful. But, though they dealt quite a bit of damage, they didn’t penetrate, as

expected of an A-Class.

“Gwaaaaaaaaa!”

Hrg, it lifted a rock up and threw it up. What’s it planning? It’s preparing to use its club. ——— Not good!

“Mia! Please use that shield. And hurry!” (Will)

“Okay—— 『Reflector Shield』 ” (Mia)

Immediately after the huge rock appeared in front of it, it grandly brandished its club.

《 BAAAAAAAAAAM》

The rock broke, the fragments were about to fall on us. *This was unavoidable!* But just before they hit, they were stopped by the shield. *That was dangerous, it was a hair’s breadth.*

“These fragments...I’ll return them to you with double the power. Eat this!” (Will) All the fragments joined with the shield were given Mia’s magical power, and were fired at the giganto-bolk. But.....

“GUAAAAAAAAAAAH”

Oi oi, it stopped using 『Overpower』 and dropped its damn speed. There’s almost no damage? And, it’s starting to clad itself in evil power. I could clearly see that it also became able to use 『Magical Power Cladding』 itself. Mia appeared to have realized as well. Does this mean it’s getting serious as well?

Huh? What? The evil power’s concentrated on its left arm. And, in martial arts terms, it’s in a fist strike stance¹. Hmm, I’ve seen situations similar to this in manga, but...wait, is it——! This place will be dangerous if the technique I think he’ll use comes! My friends are behind me. Damn it, I won’t make it in time! We have no choice but to hold it back.

“Mia, I know it’s sudden, but please do combination magic with me!” (Will)

“C-Combine with you!?” (Mia)

I feel like her nuance of ‘combination’ is somewhat different from mine. But I can’t afford to worry about that now.

“We’ll both use the storm attribute and make the 『Storm Tornado』 magic! Leave the image and control of the combination magic to me. I’ll receive all of you.” (Will)

“Huhhhhhh? O-Oh, okay!” (Mia)

Me and Mia had always been on the same team in the same class in the academy. I knew in full her flow of magical power. I connected my left hand with Mia’s right, and imagined the combination magic. *Though impromptu, this is enough!*

“GAAAAAAAAAAH.” 《BAAAAAAM》

The giganto-bolk has released its technique. Damn, it really is that skill, huh? If I remember correctly, it was B○○’s Regretful Attack², w as n’t it? The damn thing gathered the flame attribute in it. Let’s do our as well!

“Let’s do this, Mia!” (Will) “Okay!” (Mia)

“” 『Tornado Crusher』 ”” (Will + Mia)

《BAAAAAAM》 *Just like its, huh?*

Its technique and our magic collided with one another. A thunderous roar sounded, so loud it just about burst my eardrums.

Tsk, is our power evenly matched because we did it impromptu? But evenly matched isn’t what I wanted. Unless we get the leaking energy of the storm.....

“I’ll control the leaking energy of the storm. Will, please concentrate on the image.” (Mia)

“Got it.” (Will)

I’ll rely on you, then. I imagined the tip of the magic being more sharp, piercing through.

“GOOOOOOOOOO!!!! ” (Will)

Though it struggled, our magic smashed through his technique. *Hell yeah, did we win?* The moment I thought that the magic hit it directly.....

“GAAAAAAAAAAH.”

That bastard, it changed the trajectory using its damn club. But, its left arm

was completely annihilated.

“Damn it, I didn’t think it’d change the trajectory.” (Will)

“Yeah, but we definitely gave it deep damage.” (Mia)

Then, how about I go there this time! I jumped into its chest, and drove a punch concentrated with a speck of magical power into its large abdomen.

《 Thud 》

“G-Gu-guuuuu. ” (Will)

Ah, nice, it’s working, the bastard’s on his knees. If I just keep going——

“GUAAAAAAAAAHHH”

Oi oi, how can you afford to do that? It swung its club and took some distance.

“Well then, how about I try that too?” (Will)

Maybe it knew I was going to charge. It swung its club with skill, preventing from going into its chest. *As I thought, that magic and the punch just now were effective.* Before, this was a close fight. But now, I was avoiding its swinging club, and while Mia backed me up, I easily reached its mouth. And the second I did, it grinned. *Shit, a trap!? It baited me!*

By the time I noticed it, it was too late. From its mouth an extra-large scorching breath was fired at me.

“No way, WILLLLLLLLLL, NOOOOOOOO! DON’T DIEEEEEEE” (Mia)

Mia screamed the moment I was wrapped in its breath. *She won’t forget the sight of my right arm being grilled right then, huh? Maybe I should tell her I’m fine.* I flew to beside Mia.

“Mia, I won’t be killed randomly like that. This bastard...it really did work. Thanks to me instantly changing to an entire-body defense, I didn’t take that much damage. If not for 『Magical Power Cladding』, I really would’ve died, though.”

(Will)

“Will! Thank god~~.” (Mia)

“Mia, celebrate after the fight’s finished.” (Will)

“Oh, yes!” (Mia)

“Oi, gigante-bolk, thank you for that nice breath. To return the favor, this time I’ll do something good to ya. Here, 『

Tornado Bomb 』.” (Will)

It was worn out from firing the breath, so I moved atop its shoulders and threw a 『Tornado Bomb 』 into its mouth. I got away from it in a hurry, observing it, and from its body.....

《 BAAAAAAM》

“Ooh, as expected of an A-Class, it didn’t explode. It’s just barely alive.” (Will)

“KyaA, what’s with that sound! It’s about to die just from one shot. I’ll finish it with this, then! 『Lightning Break 』 ”

(Mia)

Ooh, she’s immediately using the magic I taught her. 『 Lightning Break 』 is something I improved from 『 Lightning Bolt

』 . Normally, lightning coming from the sky loses quite a bit of energy until it reaches the ground from it branching several times. Just lightning fired at a place is 『 Lightning Bolt 』 , and lightning fired at a place without any wasted energy is 『 Lightning Break 』 .

A big bolt of lightning fell, directly hitting the gigante-bolk.

Ooh, with the moisture from the ice rifle from a little bit ago and my blood on itself, it was shocked so badly it’s scaring me. After the lightning settled, it crumpled down, dead. At any rate, that breath from before was really dangerous. Mia really was worried about me, huh?

“Hey, Mia, I’m fine. Sorry to make you worry.” (Will)

“Uu, I thought you really died. Geez, please don’t leave me in front of me.” (Mia)

“Yeah, got it. Sorry.” (Will)

Mia smiled a lot. *Eh? Why?*

“Yes~! I got a promise~.” (Mia)

Huh? You got what now? Well for now, let's nod.

“Yeah, I got it, so let's concentrate on the battle for now. This is the end of the first one. Honestly, it's been about 20

minutes since we met this one here. A little while ago, it would've taken 30 minutes with the 4 of us being serious.” (Will)

“Fufufu, oh...yeah, that's true. 『Magical Power Cladding』 ...how terrifying. Thanks to our raised magical power, we were able to kill it fairly easily.” (Mia)

It really was terrifying. In my case, I have the 『Body Strengthening』 skill too, so I'm more strengthened than Mia is. I mean, I endured that scorching breath. This power is definitely that of an S-Class. Oh, have Roy and Himika finished up their opponent was well?

Chapter 19 – Battle with Giganto-Lizard

○○○ Roy Crottos' Point of View

So, my opponent is a giganto-lizard, huh? Interesting, its swordsmanship has been on par with mine until now. But, it's a troublesome foe, as not only is it agile, but it also uses earth and quake attribute evil magic. I'd certainly be killed if I face it alone. But how about now?

“Roy, I have something I want to say before we fight.” (Himika)

“What is it, Himika? Make it short!” (Roy)

“Last night, what were you talking with Sasha about on the balcony?” (Himika) *Oi, why are you bringing that up just before the fight! I broke out into a cold sweat.*

“Wh-what do you mean?” (Roy)

“Don't play dumb. I was secretly watching the whole time from behind the wall. I'll punish you later!” (Himika)

“Hey, can we not talk about this right now?” (Roy)

Will I be fighting this guy in the worst of situations?

Oh, is this how you feel right now, Will? Sorry, my bad.

《 Hyuuuuuuuuu》

Right then, I heard a strange sound overhead. When I looked up, there was a huge rock falling.

《 BAAAAAAAAAMM》

“UOOOOH, dangerous!” (Roy)

“Are you okay, Roy?” (Himika)

“*Are you okay!?* My reaction was delayed because you said something unnecessary, you know?” (Roy)

“Roy, you shouldn’t make excuses.” (Himika)

Dammiiiiit! My rhythm is all messed up.

“Himika, use 『Magical Power Cladding』.” (Roy)

“I’m fine, I’m already using it.” (Himika)

OI!

Calm down me, you’re in a fight right now. If you keep retorting, you’ll be killed by the giganto-lizard.

Fuu~, alright, let’s go!

Though that bastard was hurt, it had quite a bit of leeway. It was preparing for battle too. I couldn’t go as far as to add attributes to it like Will could, but I was putting out 『Magical Power Cladding』 as much as I could as of now. When I observed the giganto-lizard, it really was cladding itself in evil power, albeit thinly. *I see, so that’s why the same evil tribes have different strengths. Thanks, Sasha. It looks like I can use that power you taught me.*

“KAAAAAAAAAAH” 《 Thud》

Tsk, it’s coming, huh? But, its dash speed feels slow. Is it because I strengthened myself with 『Magical Power Cladding

』 ? I can do this!

“ORAAHH!” (Roy)

《 Clang 》

Our swords clashed. I piled up attack after attack from there, but couldn't give a killing blow. And then, I attacked a tiny gap, slipped into its chest, and sliced the bastard's flank.

“GAAAHHHH”

It looks like this is effective. Again. As I approached some rocks came flying at me, but I avoided them with ease and slipped into its chest again.

“EAT THIIIIIS!” (Roy)

The moment I tried to slice it with my sword again, I lost my balance. *What? There shouldn't have been anything that would make me lose my balance.* When I looked at my legs, there was an unnatural, large depression in the ground. *It did it! Shit!*

“GWAAAHH!”

Damn, when I lost my balance, it mercilessly swung its sword down.

《 Claaaang 》

“ROYYY!!!” (Himika)

Though it buried me into the ground, I stopped it with my shield somehow. *That was close, I only barely stopped it.* I rebuilt my posture in a hurry, and fell back for now.

“I'm fine, Himika. I was off guard when I went into its chest, my bad. But leaving that aside, are the preparations for *that* finished?” (Roy)

“Thank god you're safe. And yes, they're done.” (Himika)

“Alright, please do it.” (Roy)

“Okay, 『Gravity』 ” (Himika)

Space-time magic 『Gravity』 . I was shocked when I first heard about it yesterday. *A magic that weakens the opponent by manipulating gravity?* It appeared that after she succeeded in doing the combination magic, when she checked her status, she had newly acquired space-time magic.

The giganto-lizard appeared to have noticed as well. Its movements

had clearly gotten slower.

Now, it's time to counterattack!

“UOOOOOH!” (Roy)

“GAAAAAAHHHH”

“Ha, you're too slow! *Ora ora ora oraoraora*” (Roy)

I cut the giganto-lizard everywhere; its arms, its legs, its stomach. But when I slashed for the 5th time:

《 *Claaaaang* 》

What was that sound? When I looked at my sword, there was a rock between my sword and its flank. *When did it.....?*

“Roy, look out!” (Himika)

Tsk. Its sword came right before my eyes, but I dodged it at the last second. The giganto-lizard's body was covered in small rocks. *That bastard, it's cladding itself in evil power with an attribute like Will. Did it increase its defense because it was under Gravity's influence? I'll just raise my attack, then.* I gathered magical power on my sword and added the water and quake attributes. This was one of the late-blooming techniques Sasha taught me: 『Water-press Blade』. By adding rotation and oscillation to the compressed water, the attack power greatly increased.

Hmm, that bastard, is it planning something? It turned its left arm, equipped with a shield, towards me. As soon as I prepared myself, the shield flew towards me while rotating. I managed to repel it with my sword, but the shield didn't stop rotating, and it attacked us.

“Himika, I'll get the shield. Prepare that magic.” (Roy)

“But, *Gravity.....*” (Himika)

“You can cancel it.” (Roy)

“Buy me some time while I do so, then. If you can, kill it.” (Himika)

“Yeah, got it.” (Roy)

At any rate, when I fought that bastard before, it shouldn't have had any of those hidden tricks. Does that mean the strength of each individual is

different? Thank god I learned 『Water-press Blade』. If I hadn't, my body would've been cut along with my sword. Oof, it put its shield back on its left arm. Has it realized that Gravity was cancelled!?

“GWAAAAHH!”

It finally got serious, huh? Since it clad itself in evil power with an attribute, it's a lot faster than before. Now we're talking.

“ORAAAAH, Let's gooo!” (Roy)

Our swords clashed, and this time it resulted in a stalemate. *It's strong, but its evil power cladding is half-assed. It lets me cut your sword and shield.* I used one of my secret skills: 『Mind's Eye』. It was a good idea to talk with Sasha on the balcony then. I wanted to become stronger. I spoke my mind to Sasha, “I want the strength to protect Himika”. She heard me out seriously, and taught me 『Water-press Blade』 and 『Mind's Eye』.

『Water-press Blade』 appeared to have the power to cut the gigantolizard in two if it was at its best, but even I hadn't reached that point. I was quite tired from just maintaining it.

『Mind's Eye』 was as strong as the unique skills the summoned from another world had. This skill seemed to be something I had lying within me from the beginning. If I trained, I could know the weaknesses of my opponent, be it living creature or inanimate object. However, since I had just awoken it, I could only figure out the weaknesses of weak inanimate objects; I still needed to train more for living creatures. Furthermore, it was difficult to use as I could only use it for a moment as of now. *And now is the time to use it.*

“That’s not good, giganto-lizard, that sword and shield are in the way. HAAAAAA” (Roy) I cut the giganto-lizard’s sword and shield. As expected, it was surprised and a gap was made. The moment I used the skill again, I felt pain in my eyes, but I saw the weakest part of its abdomen.

Ha, did my skill level rise during the battle?! But, for now, this skill is limited to 2 uses per battle.

I pierced that spot with all my power.

“G-gu-gaaahh.”

It crumbled down. I pulled out my sword in a hurry, and got away from there.

“Now, Himika!” (Roy)

“Got it. 『Mithril Assertion Sword』 , gooooo!” (Himika)

The magic 『Mithril Assertion Sword』 was a new magic Himika thought of. It applied Himika’s magical power to finely crushed mithril, gave it the lightning and quake attributes, and made the mithril rotate and vibrate to its utmost limits. The mithril given those attributes could have its length adjusted to some extent, and currently it was like a snake. Then, it moved towards the giganto-lizard, and cut through it freely without any resistance. *What terrible power.*

“We managed to win. I still need to train some more, huh?” (Roy)

“It’s not like that, you were amazing. It’s so hard for me to control that magic that I become full of gaps. We *both* need to train some more.” (Himika)

“Definitely. Is that magic from before is different from a combination

magic?” (Roy)

“Completely different. That magic is a no attribute magic that only temporarily gives the lightning and quake attributes to a large foundation (mithril); controlling it is difficult, but not as difficult as combination magic. Combination magic doesn’t even *have* a foundation, so you have to imagine and control everything yourself. I wasn’t able to do that, so I struggled up until now.” (Himika)

“So that’s how it is. Either way, it doesn’t change the fact that its strength is amazing.” (Roy)

“Roy, did Sasha teach you those 2 skills?” (Himika)

“Yeah, I talked to her on the balcony yesterday, and we went to the training field so she could teach me them. I mean, I wanted to become stronger and to protect——.” (Roy)

“What did you say at the end?” (Himika)

It’s too embarrassing to say!

“W-well, it looks like Will’s finished as well, how about we go join them?” (Roy)

“Fufu, ——thank you.” (Himika)

What did she just say? I couldn’t hear her whisper.

“Did you say something?” (Roy)

“No, it’s nothing.” (Himika)

Alright, with this, our task is finished. All we have to do now is clean up and leave the boss.

Bahn-san, I’ll leave it to you!

Chapter 20 – Battle with Evil Dragon Jake

○○○ S-Class Bahn Fail’s Point of View

I, of all people, was fascinated by Sasha’s magic. Yeah, you definitely couldn’t have talked about that magic beforehand.

It was way too dangerous. To control it alone like that, what an interesting girl. Oh, have we arrived at the gate where the evil dragon was? There

really were a lot of evil tribes, maybe because a boss was there? Should I try out my new technique?

《 Bonk 》

“Ow!” I was hand-chopped from behind. *There’s only one person who would do that.*

“What’d ya do that for, Rifia!” (Bahn)

That person was Rifia Rose, an elf, and also my party member. Whenever I was about to do something bad, she always put a stop to it.

“You were about to try a new technique just now, weren’t you? What are you doing, suddenly using magical power like that! I’m the one who will give them something big now. Please don’t go all out yet, everyone. ...Oh?” (Rifia) In perfect timing, the evil dragon mobilized the evil tribes.

“What good timing! Let’s go as well, then!” (Rifia)

Rifia’s started converging her magical power? What magic will she use?

The ice attribute in her left hand, and the storm attribute in her right hand...two attributes at once!

“Fufufufu, I’m shuddering in excitement. Thank you Mia, Himika, and Sasha. I only developed this magic from your advice, after all. Now, let me show you the combination magic of the ice and storm attributes. —— 『Diamond Rain 』 ”

(Rifia)

A compressed sphere of liquid about 10 meters in diameter made of the ice and storm attributes appeared over Rifia, and then charged towards the evil tribes, where it rapidly grew bigger and expanded sideways. And then, a blizzard was fired at all the evil tribes including the evil dragon. *No, something’s different.* The place where the evil tribes were felt dreadfully cold, even though I was quite far from there. And, the evil tribes stopped moving, and raised terrible screams.

“*Fuu*, that should be fine. Looks like I succeeded.” (Rifia)

“Hey, Rifia, what was that magic? Something’s different from before!”

(Bahn)

“Fufufu, Sasha taught me this. The perfected form of ice magic appears to be something called ‘Absolute Zero’ (-273°C).

What I used this time was something close to that, ‘liquid nitrogen’ (-196°C).” (Rifia)

“Liquid nitrogen? Ice magic is a magic that attacks with frozen water, isn’t it? Is this different somehow?” (Bahn)

“I talked with her after the guild meeting ended yesterday; I had a question regarding that. And then she showed me it for real. I was shocked at the power of liquid nitrogen. Then, I thought ‘This *has* to be the completed form of ice magic!’”

(Rifia)

Oi oi, isn’t this a little too different?

“The true meaning of ice magic is not ‘to attack your opponent with frozen water’, but ‘to completely freeze your opponent’. And this is how it looks like. Everyone is a *little* off.” (Rifia) *Uoah, she suddenly put something on a big rock. Oi oi, I don’t know what she put on there, but the big rock—raising white smock and a 《 hissss 》 noise—froze in the blink of an eye* Rifia 《 *tap* 》 gave the rock a little tap. *Oi, are you kidding?* The rock shattered into tiny pieces.

“Oi oi, what the hell did you *do*? That big rock shattered into pieces with a light tap!” (Bahn) The knights were all staring at Rifia.

“This is the power of liquid nitrogen.” (Rifia)

“Wait a sec. What you did before was liquid nitrogen? I understand that the power is ridiculous. And that it’s currently pouring onto all theevil tribes. But, where did you get the liquid nitrogen?” (Bahn)

“I was wondering about that too, so I asked Sasha. Apparently, there is nitrogen in the air we constantly breathe. By gathering the nitrogen in the air with magic power and liquifying it with the image, you get liquid nitrogren. Imagining this is *super* difficult. According to Sasha, it freezes most things, and has the power to drastically reduce the strength of living creatures. Afterwards, I added the storm attribute to it and combined them, resulting in 『Diamond Rain』 . Oh, and don’t do it until Ice Magic and Magic Power Manipulation are at level ten. If you make a mistake in controlling it, *you’ll* be the one frozen and

shattered into small pieces.” (Rifia) Everyone imagined it after hearing that, and shuddered. *Do it? It’s too dangerous!*

Oh, the white mist has cleared.

“There are too many evil tribes this time, so the damage per creature isn’t too much. I don’t think too many died from that, either. But, parts of their defensive power have decreased by a lot, so attacks should go through easier. Do your best now, everyone.” (Rifia)

Does this mean that Mia and Himika developed combination magic, Sasha taught Rifia the completed form of Ice Magic, and Rifia made it possible to use the magic she used on them all in one night? She really is someone amazing.

“Leave the boss to us! Let’s go, Rifia!” (Bahn)

While the evil tribes faltered, we rushed into them.

“So this is the evil dragon, hmm? It’s about 20 meters in length, I think. It’s on the small side, so it’ll be quicker. Woah, it’s injured all over. That’s gotta hurt.” (Bahn)

“A human and an elf, huh? Be it Iris or you guys, I’ll kill you. Were you the ones who killed my comrades? Well, not like that matters to me, I’ll just kill you all.” (Jake)

Damn, that evil dragon, he’s really pissed off, huh? From what I see, he’s already cladding himself in evil power, and is very strong.

“Heh, you’ll be the one who dies. Entertain me, will you? Rifia, I’ll leave the breaths other than the red-hot to you!”

(Bahn)

“Yes, give it your all.” (Rifia)

I clad myself in as much magical power as I could, and charged at him. *First is a trial of strength!*

“Human, I admire your courage. DIEEEE!” (Jake)

Oh, is this guy’s style similar to mine? My magic power-filled sword and the evil dragon’s tail struck one another.

《 Clang 》

Hou, we're evenly matched? How about I do this, then?

I compressed the magic power on my sword more thinly and sharply. And, my supposedly evenly matched sword began to cut into his tail bit by bit.

“What!? Impossible! My tail is being cut into!?” (Jake)

The evil dragon withdrew his tail in a hurry, and attacked with a quake-attribute spear he summoned using evil magic. I avoided it easily, but he fired a red-hot breath at the same time. *Oi oi, you have some nerve firing fire at me. Rifia knows this, too.*

“Hey, evil dragon-san, red-hot breath won't work on me. Want me to prove it?” (Bahn)

“A puny human like you can endure my breath? Yeah right! Die trying!” (Jake) *A dragon's red-hot breath is powerful, sure. But, it's no different than the Flame Magic that we humans use.* The instant I put the flame attribute into 『Magical Power Cladding』, I was wrapped in flames. *Thank you, Sasha. I've gotten even stronger from learning this skill.* I raised both of my hands and concentrated my magic power on the breath. *Perfect. Now, how about I use this guy's breath and try out a new technique!*

First, I covered his breath with my magic power imbued with the flame attribute. Then, I changed it into blue flames, and breathed in the breath. *As might be expected from a red-hot breath, it sure is putting up a fight in me. With all of my power....alright, I did it. Now these flames are all mine.* Then, I concentrated them on my sword.

“Impossible! You converted my breath into your flames? And what is that blue flame?” (Jake)

“Well? How about it? Taste it for yourself! 『Pale Slash』” (Bahn)

The slash attack I fired with my sword of white flames cut off the evil dragon's right arm, and I tried to cut through its body while I was at it; although he was able to avoid that by retreating, it gave him a deep wound.

“GWAAAH! Impossible, impossible, impossible! That sword can cut me!? Impossible, this *can't* be! You...now I'm really mad. I won't forgive you for thiiiiis.” (Jake)

What! His evil power jumped up. Did he use a skill or something!? The

second I thought *I should take some distance for now*, his tail appeared right in front of me. *Fast!* I defended by swiftly concentrating magic power on my right arm, but I was splendidly blown away.

“Guoooooooo!” (Bahn)

Tsk, he broke my right arm.

“Bahn, 『Max Heal』 ” (Rifia)

“Thanks, Rifia, you saved me.” (Bahn)

“It suddenly got stronger. A skill, maybe?” (Rifia)

“Yeah, probably. He’s real troublesome.” (Bahn)

“Are you scared now, human? You’ve made me get serious, so I hope you’ll let me enjoy myself a little. First, eat this.”

(Jake)

That bastard, he down swung his arms and made a Whirlwind Cut.

Then, how about we do one as well?

“Rifia!” (Bahn)

“Leave it to me, 『Storm Tornado』 ” (Rifia)

Oi oi, isn’t 『Storm Tornado』 a wider technique? She compressed the technique to 10 meters in diameter and fired it. It swallowed up all of the evil dragon’s Whirlwind Cut, and when I thought that maybe it hit the evil dragon.....

“*Hou*, what an interesting magic you’ve used. It’s close to my breath. But, it’s nothing!” (Jake)

— *That bastard, it concentrated magic power on its left arm and changed the trajectory.*

“Kakaka, if it doesn’t hit me directly, this is nothing. You should be aware of how mad I am that you cut my right arm!

Let me show you a real Storm Breath. *KAAAHHHHHH*” (Jake)

Tsk, it breathed a Tornado Breath. And, it’s big!

“Fast! Leave it to me, 『Storm Shield』*Gu*, it's quite powerful.”
(Rifia)

“Oi oi, don't die yet. Next is this.” (Jake)

This guy! While breathing out his breath, he made countless quake-attribute spears like the one from before from his remaining left arm.

“Hey, try and stop them.” (Jake)

“Rifia, leave those to me! UOOOOOOOOH.” (Bahn)

Tsk, I'm handling the spears with all I got, but each one is very fast and heavy. This is bad, I can't handle them all.

“Kuu, I'm at my limit.” (Bahn)

Is Rifia's shield not lasting either? A real evil dragon is this strong, huh? Damn, I don't have any leeway to use a trump card. ——— Is this where I.....

“ 『All Abilities Double』 ” (Akane)

What! I've suddenly gotten stronger. Now, I can do this!

“Rifia!” (Bahn)

“Yeah!” (Rifia)

“”HAAAAAAAA”” (Bahn + Rifia)

She bounced back the Tornado Breath, and I dealt with all the spears.

“What! Where'd you get the power!?” (Jake)

Yeah, it definitely wasn't something we could do with our current power.

“You saved us, Sasha.” (Bahn)

“Thanks. I really thought we were about to die.” (Rifia)

When I looked behind me, Sasha was there. *The space-time magic 『Instantaneous Movement』 , huh? What a convenient skill.*

“That was really close. 『Max Heal』 . And don't go saying things like ‘but that's not fair’ now, okay?” (Akane) *Could we really say that in this*

situation?

“As if we’d say that! That bastard suddenly increased his power with a skill of some sort, but we should be fine if we have this trump card.”
(Bahn)

“Subjugate the enemy quickly, as it’ll be cancelled in 30 minutes. Should I go?” (Akane)

“Ha, that’s plenty! Go to the other adventurers.” (Bahn)

“Got it, please do your best.” (Akane)

She’s left, huh? I can’t believe I of all people got estastic due to the completed form of flame magic and 『 Magic Power Cladding 』 . I’ve learned firsthand that “there will always be someone better”.

But thanks to Sasha, my head’s cooled down.

“Rifia, I’m going to get serious now as well. I can’t defeat the evil dragon by myself.” (Bahn)

“Yeah, I was ecstatic due to the magic as well. But my head’s cooled down thanks to Sasha. Let’s defeat the enemy effeciently as usual.”
(Rifia)

“What did you do, you bastards? There’s signs that your power has increased suddenly!” (Jake)

“There’s no way I’d tell you, an enemy. 『 Diamond Javelin 』 .” (Rifia)

“Orah.” (Bahn)

The instant 『 Diamond Javelin 』 (a spear of liquid nitrogen) froze its right leg, I cut it off. *Oi oi, I cut it without any resistance. Liquid nitrogen...what dreadful power.*

“GAAHHHHHH! I-Impossible, what was that magic? You bastards!”
(Jake)

Oh, is that bastard trying to fly away?

“I won’t let you escape. 『 Ice Rifle 』 ” (Rifia)

Ooh, large, pointed bits of rotating ice went through the evil dragon’s wings. She got some advice from Sasha, hmm? Ah, the evil dragon crashed into the ground. Kakah, how humiliating.

“AAAAAHHHH! This is the first time I’ve been humiliated this much, humans! I’ll finish you with this, then. *KAAHHHHH*” (Jake)

What!? He’s preparing for something!

“That’s...no way, Dragon’s Breath!?” (Rifia)

“What is that, Rifia?” (Bahn)

“It compresses the evilness within a dragon and releases it as a breath; it’s an attribute-less attack. Among us elves it’s said to be a ‘ultimate attack’.” (Rifia)

“Oi oi. Then to oppose it, we should use an ultimate attack stronger than Dragon’s Breath, right? Let’s do it. Rifia, this is Flame Magic’s ultimate attack.” (Bahn)

“*Haa?* What is it?” (Rifia)

“I just came up with it now. In short: it’s not a combination *magic*, but a combination *attack*. I’ll gather all my magical power on the tip of my sword and make it into blue flames after this. You will compress them even further, imagine it as a dragon, and release it with the storm attribute as the base. It’s like Will’s Tornado Bomb.” (Bahn)

“You want me to do that with no warning!? And, why a dragon?” (Rifia)

“We’ll just have to wing it!” (Bahn)

We won’t survive unless it succeeds. I believe in you, Rifia!

“Whatever, I got it. We’ll die if we don’t succeed anyway, so I’ll do it. I asked Sasha about the completed form of the storm attribute just in case, but I’ll be doing it without preparation now.” (Rifia) *You asked about that?*

“Let’s do this. UOOOOOOOH!” (Bahn)

I raised my sword overhead, turned all my magical power into blue flames, and made flames more than 10 meters in diameter appear on the tip of my sword.

“Kuhahahahaha! How interesting, are you trying to destroy my Dragon’s Breath with something like that? I’d like to see you try! DIEEEEEEEE!” (Jake)

“RifiaaaaaaA!” (Bahn)

“Kuuuuu...it’s tough. Go, our dragooooNNN!!” (Rifia)

《 BLAAAAAM 》

The moment the evil dragon fired his breath, we also fired our bluish-white flame Dragon’s Breath. And the moment the two breaths collided with one another.....

《 BOOOOOOOOOOOM 》

A terrible roaring sound was made, and a blinding light was created in front of me.

“UOOOOOHH, We won’t loooooooooose!!” (Bahn)

“Be annihilateeeeeeeed!!” (Rifia)

“GUuuu, impossible, impossible! I’m being pushhhhed...m-my Dragon’s Breath i———!” (Jake) When the sound stopped and the light faded, the upper half of the evil dragon’s body had been annihilated; the evil dragon died, and its body collapsed to the ground.

“Yeaahh! You okay, Rifia?” (Bahn)

No reply. *Oi, don’t tell me she’s—*. When I looked back, Rifia was there. But, she was hanging her head for some reason.

“AhhhhHhhhh! My important staaaaaaaaff!” (Rifia)

When I looked at it, her staff—made from a branch from the World Tree, and the thing Rifia valued as most important—

was broken entirely. The gem she had just added to the end of her staff was gone as well.

“Oh, is that it? My bad.” (Bahn)

“Don’t just say ‘my bad’~~.” (Rifia)

Chapter 21 – End of the War

The boss is in the north, the A-Class (most of which are close to S-Class) adventurers are in the south. Bahn-san and Rifia-san, and Himika-san are there respectively, so I think they’ll be fine. The problems are the east and

west. Of the two, I think the west is the closest to the evil tribes. I moved to the west gate with Instantaneous Movement.

When I arrived, cheers came from the adventurers. During the meeting in the guild, I had said that I would fire a high-speed, large-scale magic at the 2 gates without S-Class or A-Class adventurers.

“Please don’t lose your cool, everyone. The evil tribes are still quite a ways away, so fire long distance magic from now on.” (Akane)

“””OOOOOOHHH, please do it~~, Sashaaaaa!””” (Adventurers)

Since I came all this way, let’s use combination magic, too.

Though, I have to go easy so I don’t annihilate all the evil tribes by mistake.

Considering the span, strength, and health of the evil tribes...I guess about this should be fine.

“Here I go! 『Lightning Storm』 ” (Akane)

Lightning Storm—a magic that combined the thunder, water, and storm attributes. A cumulonimbus cloud formed above the evil tribes, and a thunderstorm of lightning started. Horrific cries could be heard from the evil tribes. They couldn’t come this way due to the wind pressure, so there was no way they could escape from the thunderstorm. I actually had wanted to add Downburst and Tornado to it, but I stopped because the evil tribes were being smashed to atoms as is. From the adventurers:

“Amazing.”

“It looks like they can’t come this way even if they wanted to.”

“Somehow, I feel sorry for the evil tribes.”

“Um, did that evil tribe just ask for help?”

Eeehhh? Why are you criticizing me? I’ll stop now. When the thunderstorm stopped, about a third were dead, probably due to the effects of 『Meteor Rain』, and the remaining two-thirds appeared to be heavily injured.

“This new magic consumed a lot of my magic power, so I can’t use it anymore, considering the trump card. Please do your best now, everyone.” (Akane)

“””OOOOOOOOH, LEAVE IT TO USSSSSS!””” (Adventurers)

Alright, this gate should be fine now. I went to the other gate and used the same magic, giving the evil tribes heavy wounds. Right when I thought “maybe I can take a break”, my Crisis Sensing skill reacted. *Who? This is...Finn! Did she suddenly get into a pinch?*

When I checked on her using Instantaneous Movement, Finn had somehow gotten herself to the frontlines, and was going every which way. *She'll die if I leave her be. She completely got herself lost.* The moment Finn encountered an ogre knight, I cut the ogre knight in two with a single blow from behind. After I gave her some advice, my Crisis Sensing skill went off 3 times all at once. *Ugh, why 3 at once? Aaahh whatever, let's observe from the skies.* I hurriedly moved to the skies with Wind Magic after applying 『Concealment』, and cast support magic and recovery magic on the parties in danger. After all three parties got out of danger, the leaders all said the same thing:

“That was definitely Sasha.”

And everyone agreed just from them saying that.

No, I mean, sure, I did it, but it's complicated.

Even after that, my Crisis Sensing skill went off with no end, so even I lost my cool. *If it was going to be like this, I should've made a magic tool that functions automatically from brainwaves or something, like a Fun○el¹.* Or maybe I should make a magic or magic tool like that. When I finally thought I was calm, this time a wyvern (B-Class) came from the skies.

《Piki》²

Yep, now...I'm really mad. S~. o~.

“Out of my way.” 《Slap》

A shame, the wyvern died without realizing I'd cut its head off. Oh wait, I need to drop it where none of my allies are! That was close, I just about forgot.

Fuu~, thanks to me decapitating the wyvern in revenge, I was able to relieve my stress. The moment I tried to take a break, the greatest Crisis Sensing skill reacted. *What is it this time?*

When I checked, it was Bahn-san and Rifia-san. *That isn't good!* When I hurriedly moved, the evil dragon's right arm was cut off, and the evil dragon fired a Breath and some quake-attribute spheres. *I don't have the leeway to think about this.*

“『All Abilities Double』”(Akane)

Thank god, I somehow made it in time. Actually, why didn't you use it, Rifia-san! Ha~. Oh, yeah, Bahn-san's the type to say things like "fair", isn't he?

“That was really close. 『Max Heal』. And don't go saying things like 'but that's not fair' now, okay?” (Akane)

“As if we'd say that! That bastard suddenly increased his power with a skill of some sort, but we should be fine if we have this trump card.” (Bahn)

The skill the evil dragon was using was 『Madness』. While it doubled attack power, it had a property that halved defensive power.

“Subjugate the enemy quickly, as it'll be cancelled in 30 minutes. Should I go?” (Akane)

“Ha, that's plenty! Go to the other adventurers.” (Bahn)

“Got it, please do your best.” (Akane)

When I went to check on Will-san and his party, they appeared to have killed their target evil tribes just as planned. *Alright, these people are safe. Now all that's left is to wait for Bahn-san to kill the boss.* If they killed the boss, I'd annihilate all the evil tribes in one go by using the trump card. Suddenly, I felt a huge evil power. When I looked towards the evil dragon, it was preparing to use Dragon's Breath. The evil dragon was trying to end the war in one go. *That isn't good!* When I quickly moved, Bahn-san prepared to attack. *What is he going to do? But, since it's Bahn-san, he's only planning something because he knows he can win. Interfering would be borish then, wouldn't it? I'll just watch here. But, if it looks like he'll lose, I'll secretly give him some magic power. He'll probably hate me for it, though.*

Oh, how amazing! Bahn-san and Rifia-san are doing combination magic? And, they're releasing something similar to Dragon's Breath. The evil dragon's dark Dragon's Breath and Bahn-san and Rifia-san's blueish-white Dragon's Breath were clashing with one another right now, and

it was making a terrible sound. *This is kind of like some manga I've read before. Bahn-san and Rifia-san are stronger in ability. Yes! They did it!* The upper half of the evil dragon had disappeared, and it was dead. When I looked around in the sky, the other people appeared to have grown accustomed to the battle and were showing more strength than usual. The evil tribes probably knew the boss was dead as well. Order has clearly been broken. *Let's annihilate them all at once with the trump card now.*

○○○ Iris' Point of View

The battle has begun. As far as I can see from here, Onee-sama, Rifia-san's combination magic is amazing. I want to be able to cast combination magic as soon as possible. I cast support magic that raised agility and defense in the realm of what I could see. As for what I couldn't see, the cathedral's magic users should be backing them up.

"Do you think everyone will be all right, Eleanor-sama?" (Iris)

"Believe in them, Iris. Right now all we can do is believe in everyone. Moreover, Sasha will be protecting everyone from the shadows in this fight. Though she's using Concealment, I sense her a little bit."
(Eleanor)

"Eh? She is? I didn't know." (Iris)

"Sasha is protecting everyone by using the 『Crisis Sensing』 and 『points』 skills from the skies above this cathedral.

Fufu, she's more of a goddess than an evil god, isn't she?" (Eleanor)

Onee-sama, you're amazing. I want to be like Onee-sama. These feelings grew stronger each day.

"Huh? Eleanor-sama, I feel an evil power stronger than before from the evil dragon's direction. What should we do?"

(Iris)

"This is...no way, a Dragon's Breath!? We can't let it fire that! Even if the magic tool is normal, the magic may not hold if it takes a direct hit like that now!" (Eleanor)

"Eeehh!? Onee-sama, please help them somehow." (Iris)

When the evil dragon fired its Dragon's Breath, someone fired a

bluish-white Dragon's Breath. *This isn't Onee-sama!*

This feeling...it's Bahn-san and Rifia-san. The breaths collided with one another, and a big noise resounded here.

"Bahn-san and Rifia-san are amazing. Please win!" (Iris)

"No way, they can oppose that breath? Goddess Sphere, please protect us." (Eleanor) After it struggled for a bit, Bahn-san and Rifia-san's breath finally came out on top, and the evil dragon was subjugated.

"We did it, Eleanor-sama! Bahn-san and Rifia-san did it!" (Iris)

"Yes, the evil dragon has been subjugated." (Eleanor)

At that time, Onee-sama appeared.

"Iris, Bahn-san and Will-san's party have won against their targets. We'll use the trump card to subjugate all the evil tribes." (Akane)

Starting now, we'll use our trump card.

"Okay. I'll be going, Eleanor-sama." (Iris)

"Sasha, please take care of Iris." (Eleanor)

"Sure, leave it to me." (Akane)

After connecting my hand to Onee-sama's, we first moved to the west gate.

"I've made it so that your voice can reach all of Sphereart with Space Magic. If you would, Iris." (Akane) I nodded. The time to use our trump card had finally come.

"《Please listen up, everyone. Will-san's party has succeeded in subjugating the A-Class evil tribes, and Bahn-san's party has succeeded in subjugating the S-Class evil dragon. Let's press them all at once now. I will use the trump card on all of the people fighting in the frontlines at all of the gates after this. After 20 minutes have passed, the 2nd groups will change places with the people at the frontlines, and after another 20 minutes have passed the 3rd group will change places with the 2nd. This is a do-or-die situation. Let's annihilate the evil tribes!》" (Iris) The second I spoke.....

"UUOOOOHHHH!!!!" (Adventurers)

“Fufu, they *really* are adventurers. They still have some extra strength.” (Akane) When Onee-sama said so, a nearby male adventurer about in his 30s came to talk.

“Oi, Sasha, what’re you saying? This is all thanks to you. The new technological developments of the potions and armor, and the meteors and new magic immediately following the start of the war; all of it had to do with you. Everyone knows.

If it weren’t for you guys, everyone would’ve run out of magic power and died.” (Adventurer) Ah, people knew after all. I had kept it a secret because Onee-sama didn’t want to stand out, but everyone knew.

“Eh? Everyone knows!? Ahaha, I’m happy you said that, though. Well, I’ll use the trump card with Iris now.” (Akane)

“Got it. Please do it on the frontlines, as planned.” (Adventurer)

“Got it! Let’s do this, Iris.” (Akane)

“Okay!” (Iris)

After that, we cast 『All Abilities Double』, the trump card, on the frontlines at every gate. My magic power almost ran out during it, so I got some magic power from Onee-sama, and then watched over the situation from the skies after we used it on all the frontlines.

“Um...Onee-sama, won’t it be bad if they see the griffon?” (Iris)

“It’s fine, I’ve made it so it can’t be seen with Space Magic.” (Akane)

You really can do anything, huh? Everything looked better when seeing it from above like this. The people at the frontlines were making the evil tribes drop like flies.

“Onee-sama, the people at the frontlines sure are pushing hard. They have good physical ability.” (Iris)

“Hmm, everyone’s in high spirits, after all. At this pace, their physical strength won’t last 30 minutes.” (Akane)

“Eh? Um...isn’t that bad?” (Iris)

“It’s fine, this is all according to my calculations. Yes, Iris, be it in war or in your everyday life, you must always prepare for the worst. Like this time, I found out the side effects of 『All Abilities Double』 by

using it before hand. Unlike Magic Power Cladding, it's easy for someone not used to it to fall into high spirits because their abilities were suddenly raised.

That's why I made a shift system where they'd change places in 20 minutes. The time's shorter, but this magic can be used another time because the burden on the body has lessened." (Akane)

"Always prepare for the worst—Okay, I understand." (Iris)

I hadn't thought about the side effects of the new magic. When I used the magic for the first time, Finn had definitely acted differently than usual. *Now that I think about it, the other adventurers and the knights acted like Finn then.* Onee-sama assumed it'd be like that here as well, and adopted a shift system.

"Now, about 20 minutes have passed in the frontlines at the west gate. Let's go, Iris." (Akane)

"Yes!" (Iris)

Onee-sama really is amazing. Did she assume that everything would turn out like this after we came here? I'll steal her way of thinking and magic techniques, and become just like Onee-sama one day.

○○○ Sasha's Point of View

By using the trump card, the number of evil tribes rapidly decreased. *As expected of B-Class adventurers; even though the evil tribes clad themselves in evil power, our numbers were superior now, so they were subjugated without exception.* The corpses of evil tribes were scattered everywhere now. Obviously, the evil tribes also lost their fighting spirit after seeing their comrades' corpses, and some ran towards the forest and left. *The clean-up process appears to have gone quite well.*

After the trump card was used, my Crisis Sensing skill stopped reacting. I watched Finn too, but she started cooperating with the knights, and sometimes, she used recovery magic. She could afford it a little, so I had Iris fight against D-Class

evil tribes as well. She had to get a little combat experience. ———
And thus, the war here in Sphereart ended. I was tired, probably from running about quite a bit. Right now, the surroundings were very excited due to the evil tribes being annihilated.

“Well Iris, our work here is done. Let’s go report to Eleanor-sama and declare that the war has ended.” (Akane)

“I never thought it would all be over in about 6 hours.” (Iris)

“The boss this time was a muscle-head, so the decisive battle didn’t last long.” (Akane)

“Muscle-head?” (Iris)

“Yeah. In a nutshell, the type that only decides things with power. There were probably other S-Class evil tribes at first.

So, in the beginning, the brainwashed humans, and tried to take you out by transferring you to the large forest. The plan after that was probably to destroy the large magic tool by using the brainwashed humans to minimize the number of sacrificed evil tribes, and in the midst of the chaos they’d appear around Sphereart in all directions with Transfer and destroy Sphereart.” (Akane)

“But you prevented their plan, huh?” (Iris)

“Yeah, I found the brainwashed people, severed the lines of evil power, and fired 『Holy Bolt』 down the lines, so the evil tribes scheming with him were annihilated. In the end, the only S-Class remaining was the evil dragon, and he tried attacking us with brute force after he became desperate. Well, since I knew the evil tribes were doing to attack beforehand, we were able to prepare a lot of things, too. For example, if the evil tribes scheming with him survived, it wouldn’t have been as big a victory.” (Akane)

“You’re amazing, Onee-sama. Around what point did you guess that?” (Iris)

“After we met Priest Moore, I guess. By then, I had information on you and the large magic tool, so I could easily guess how they’d try and make Sphereart fall by thinking like an evil tribe.” (Akane)

“By thinking...like an evil tribe? I see, I get it now.” (Iris)

Iris was actively listening, huh? It appears this time’s events have become something worth studying.

“Now, let’s go to where Eleanor-sama is, shall we?” (Akane)

“Yes!” (Iris)

After that, when I reported the annihilation of the evil tribes to Eleanor-sama, we immediately moved to the balcony, and I used Space Magic so that the declaration that the war had ended could be heard by all of Sphereart and the adventurers and knights surrounding it. The war against the evil tribes resulted in a huge victory for the humans in Sphereart, and a festival was held for several days.

And, I had big changes as well. During the festival I checked my status after I felt something was off, and came to realize that my basic attribute values had shot way up. Naturally, my expression stiffened then. And on top of that, my title had become “Saint”. When I reported this to Eleanor-sama just in case, she told me that I should let all the citizens know, so I declined with all my power. Even if I had stood out as an S-Class adventurer, if people knew I was the Saint on top of that, there was a chance the goddess Saria would take notice of me.

Though I should have held back and not acted in a flashy manner, in the end, I had stood out more than I had in the Royal Capital.

When I told Finn and Iris that I wanted to take more reserved actions so that I wouldn’t get any more attention than this, they both said the same thing:

“”There’s absolutely no way.”” (Finn + Iris)

Why?

Chapter 1 – Dealing with the Letter

Time goes back a little from Sphereart’s war; it’s the story of the summoned people immediately after Sasha escaped from the D-rank dungeon.

○○○ Viewpoint of Mika Shimazaki, Akane’s close friend

Only Sakuragi and I were called by Marcus-san. I’m a bit worried, did something happen? Or did he not find her?

Sakuragi knocked on the door, and we entered the room.

Marcus-san had a difficult look on his face. He gave us the letter that was on the desk.

When I read the letter, I was really happy at first when I found out that Akane was alive. But, as Sakuragi-kun continued reading, his hands gradually shook. I wondered what was wrong, and I also was astonished when I read the next part.

You're kidding! Her appearance hasn't changed, but her race changed from 'human' to 'evil tribe', and she's no longer in the Royal Capital!

"What do you mean 'no longer in the Royal Capital'? If your appearance is the same, then why didn't you come meet me!" (Mika)

"Mika, she couldn't do that. When the surrounding people hear she's become an evil tribe, it might be possible to quiet them down with the King and Princess' persuasion, but there are also people in the royal palace whose family have been killed by evil tribes. If she came here, it wouldn't be long before she would be assassinated." (Marcus) I was shocked when I heard that.

"What do you mean, Marcus-san! There would never be an assassination! Her appearance is the same; only her race has changed from 'human' to 'evil tribe'. An assassination due to just to that——" (Mika)

"Since she has changed into an evil tribe, there will be suspicious people. Even if she's fine now, should she become violent, it would be irrevocable. As a result, the method of 'assassination' will be chosen. Akane chose the correct method." (Marcus)

I...can't meet her anymore? No. I don't want that.

"You say something too, Sakuragi. Why have you been silent for the past few minutes?" (Mika) When Marcus-san and I were talking, Sakuragi hadn't moved one bit. You like Akane, don't you! Say something!

"Shimazaki, what Marcus-san is saying is correct. If Shimizu-san came to meet us, most of our classmates would be happy, but the people of the royal palace would have mixed feelings. An assassination isn't unlikely either. Deep down, I'm relieved. Maybe around this time, she's heading towards a village somewhere?" (Sakuragi) Sakuragi, why——when I accidentally looked at his fist, I saw that he was clenching it hard. I see, it's because he's the hero——right?

"It's as he said. Around this town, there are adventurers that have 'Appraisal', so she might be heading for a village. I found this letter during the search, but don't worry. I deceived the members of the

knights. I already reported to the King and Gallot. How you guys explain about Akane to your classmates and the other members of the royal palace is up to you guys.” (Marcus)

We can decide? Does he trust us? Or is he trying something?

“It’s simple. I just have to subjugate Shimizu-san.” (Sakuragi)

“Wha-, Sakuragi, what are you saying!” (Mika)

What is this guy saying.

But, that’s the only thing that will make everyone in the royal palace to understand——is that it?

“Tomorrow or sometime, you, me, and Marcus-san should go to the dungeon. So, if we make it look like we cornered and subjugated Shimizu in the hidden room, the people of the royal palace and our classmates should all understand. Of course, we have to act like we did it, though.” (Sakuragi)

“This is the only way——right? Okay, Sakuragi, I will cooperate!” (Mika)

“I will cooperate as well. But, we have to be careful when we actually encounter Akane. It’ll be fine if she kept her ego as a human and cooperated with us as an enemy of the evil tribes, but if she’s lost her will and turns her fangs towards humans——” (Marcus)

“At that time, I will subjugate her with these hands!” (Sakuragi)

“Alright, let’s leave it at that. Well, I will report your decision to the King and Gallot. You two, return to your training.”

(Marcus)

“”Yes sir.”” (Sakuragi + Mika)

Tomorrow, he’ll have to make a sad report to us. He’s tricking everyone, so don’t feel depressed.

“Sorry I made you accompany me, Shimazaki.” (Sakuragi)

“It’s fine. This is the best choice at the moment.” (Mika)

“Tomorrow, Ryūzaki will probably sock me.” (Sakuragi)

“That’s true. Despite how he looks, he’s a close friend.” (Mika)

“After this, I’ll investigate the Wicked Heart Medicine...alone. There’s no information in the royal palace, so maybe I’ll ask the spirits. At any rate, soon I plan on going for the Evil King’s seal. Afterwards, maybe Eleanor-sama in Sphereart will know something.” (Sakuragi)

“We have to do that, huh? Didn’t the participating members say that the few elite are going with us? Me and you will be going for sure, but who else will?” (Mika)

“The members that weren’t chosen seem to move independently, basically. Everyone appears to be planning on registering as adventurers and going to kill evil tribes.” (Sakuragi)

Let’s pray that we don’t encounter Akane.

The next day, it was reported to our classmates that Sakuragi and I found Akane in the D-rank dungeon, and she was subjugated...err, killed. And, Sakuragi was hit by Ryūzaki right in front of me.

“Oi, Sakuragi, why did you kill Shimizu? Didn’t she turn back into a human?” (Ryūzaki) Sakuragi-kun didn’t answer.

“Don’t stay quiet, say something!” (Ryūzaki)

“——Even I...didn’t want to kill her. But, I couldn’t watch it. You see, her appearance changed bit by bit in front of me...from someone that liked me, into a monster. And, she had a little bit of her ego left.” (Sakuragi) He confessed his love here. It was very persuasive.

I should back him up here, too.

“If you were a girl, you’d understand. You had ego, and you were becoming ugly bit by bit. If that was me, I wouldn’t be able to bear it. Sakuragi decided to kill Akane, who had almost completely become a monster, but he hesitated at the end.

But Akane...she stabbed herself on his holy sword.” (Mika)

Our classmates all gulped. Maybe they were imagining the situation then.

“Shimizu told me. ‘Please, at least kill me before I completely become a monster’. At that time, I prepared to kill my classmate—the girl that liked me—with these hands. And——I killed her. I don’t care if you

call me a murderer. I killed her with these hands. After she was stabbed by the holy sword, Shimizu disappeared after telling me ‘thank you’ at the end.” (Sakuragi)

All of our classmates were crying. Now that he knew the situation, Ryūzaki-kun was crying as well.

“I’m sorry, Sakuragi.” (Ryūzaki)

“Ryūzaki, I’ll get stronger. There’s already too many sad sacrifices like this. I’ll get stronger, reseal the Evil King without fail, and meet the goddess. I’ll ask if it was necessary to sacrifice Akane. Depending on her reply...I’ll kill her!”

(Sakuragi)

Only now did it feel like the class was united as one.

After he finished reporting to our classmates, Sakuragi returned to his room. It felt like his body was shaking a little. I was also in my room now. At any rate, Sakuragi’s acting was amazing. Even I believed he really killed Akane. It was a true-to-life performance. *Everyone* believed that Sakuragi killed Akane. And, his confession was big. When he did it, he *did* it.

After that, no one complained, and we all had one thought: let’s get stronger. Let’s go to his room. I’m...a bit nervous.

《 Knock Knock 》

“Sakuragi, it’s me. Can I come in?” (Mika)

“Yeah, come in.” (Sakuragi)

Sakuragi was acting wildly on his bed.

“————I’ll ask just in case, but what are you doing?” (Mika)

“Haha, I confessed in front of all my classmates. This is the woooorssst. Despite the outcome, I did such an embarrassing confession~~~.” (Sakuragi)

Aah...that, eh?

“It was amazing. I think everyone was tricked by that confession. Now

that I think about it, it was *ju~st* like some movie or an anime.”
(Mika)

“Stoooooooooooooop~! Even I realize that!” (Sakuragi)

“I’m really glad I borrowed a ‘Silencing’ magic tool beforehand. If I hadn’t, we would’ve been exposed by that shout just now.” (Mika)

Though it was a performance, it was a confession with such an earnest expression~. Even I might have become like that.

Sakuragi got up from the bed and started talking.

“Yeah, I’m glad you have a magic tool. For now, everyone will believe this. But, the last one wasn’t an act. I will meet with the goddess again.” (Sakuragi)

Yes, the problem was that goddess.

“Hey, the problem is that goddess. The goddess we met was called Sphere. Her face and demeanor really gave off a

‘goddess’ vibe. Akane said the goddess that she met was called Saria. Ryūzaki also asserted that the voice he heard in the dungeon was another person’s. It’s clear that there isn’t just one goddess.” (Mika)

“Yeah, that’s right. It’s certain that someone is moving in a place unbeknownst to us. Anyway, our first priority is to meet with the spirits. Now, even if I’m rushing, it can’t be helped.” (Sakuragi) Oh? What an adult way of thinking.

“That’s right, we need to meet with the spirits of Fire, Water, Earth, and Wind.” (Mika)

“Yeah, but besides them, there should also be the spirits of Light and Darkness. For some reason, they aren’t cooperation with the sealing of the Evil King. They aren’t mentioned in documents either, so I have to ask the spirits why.” (Sakuragi)

“Ah, right. We have to get a deeper understanding of this world.”
(Mika)

Sakuragi clenched his right fist and spoke:

“That’s right. We have to get strong enough to be able to subjugate the Evil King, and we have to get a deeper understanding of this world.”
(Sakuragi)

Yeah, after this, we had to get strong enough to be able to deal with A-class and S-class evil tribes. My classmates and our thoughts have become one; let's give it our all.

Akane, wait for us. We'll turn you back into a human without fail.

Chapter 2 – Craving for Strength

○○○ Mika Shimazaki's Viewpoint

Two days later, we were training harder than we ever had. As there was also the matter of Akane, everyone was serious.

Surprisingly, even *that* Kaneko-san and her friends were also training hard. Currently, everyone—including the knights—

was in the middle of training 『Magical Power Cladding』. By training this skill, it was possible to train 『Magical Power Circulation』, 『Magical Power Manipulation』, and 『Body Strengthening』; though only the knights knew how to use those skills for now, they were planning on teaching it to the adventurers soon.

The 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill that Akane developed by chance is amazing. It raises your basic attribute values by a decent amount.

“Ryūzaki, this 『Magical Power Cladding』 is amazing. Thanks to this, my Magical Power Circulation and Magical Power Manipulation skills have both risen, and my basic attribute values are about 1.3x higher.”
(Mika)

“Ah, so you're around there? I have the Body Strengthening skill, so mine rise to about 1.8x when I use it with that. Your level is still low. If you train, maybe it will rise to nearly 3x? I think you have a knack for it.” (Ryūzaki)

“I see, a knack for it, huh? Thank you.” (Mika)

Now that we're doing this, it really does look like we've come to a manga or novel world. Ah, that reminds me, Akane is a closet otaku, and she should've a lot of web novels and light novels. Hmm, I'm not too familiar with them, but if I remember correctly, I feel like the image was important. I've heard that even magic can be done chantless depending on the image. I thought that full chants were annoying, so let's try it out. Firing off attack magic all of a sudden is dangerous, so let's try it with light magic. Let's start from an easy one,

『Light』. Now, imagine a bright sphere of light about 10cm in diameter, and....

“ 『Light』 ” (Mika)

Ah, it worked. So it really is the image, huh? Ah, that's right, let's see if I can do that. A long time ago, I had asked Akane if I could start a fire with everyday things only. She'd replied “you can do that easily”, and showed me for real. What had

happened then was interesting, so I asked her the principle. When I did, she explained over and over until I understood, so I memorized the theory, even though I didn't want to. Let's apply that to magic. Let's see...first, make a convex lens in the sky.

In times like these, my unique skill thrives.

Unique Skill 『Magical Power Creation』

By using your own magical power, you can create anything. However, you need to be careful as it will not exhibit the intended effect unless you imagine what you are creating in detail. Also, you cannot create anything that exceeds your current magical power.

With this unique skill, I can create a convex lens itself. Make the size about 30cm...this should be good. Next, collect solar energy in the convex lens. Oh, I understand it because I made it with my own magical power. Hmmm, then I'll fire it once a certain amount of magical power accumulates here. Huh? Characters are coming to mind. Hrm, I should speak this.

Before that, let's find a target. Ah, Gallot-san is there. Perfect.

“Gallot-saaaa~n, are there any scrap pieces of armor? Even some scrap iron is fine.” (Mika)

“If that's what you're looking for, I think there is a pile of it there at the end of the training field. They're too old so they'll be disposed of, but what will you do with it?” (Gallot)

“A test of a magic. Akane taught me the theory of it a long time ago, so I want to try it in magic.” (Mika)

“Hou~, now that sounds interesting. I'll watch. But, be careful about the scale of it.” (Gallot)

“It’ll be fine! It’s only 30cm in diameter.” (Mika)

“Hmm, I guess that should be fine.” (Gallot)

I got permission, let’s try it right away.

Narrow down the solar energy collected in the convex lens, and set the target...

“Well, here I goo~. 『Shining Laser』 ” (Mika)

《BOOOOOOOOOOM》...Eh?

The near-mountain of scrap iron——was reduced to atoms by a 30cm wide laser beam. And, in the place of the remaining debris was a crater 5 meters in diameter.

“WhaaaaaaAAAT! What is thiiiiiiiiis!” (Mika)

Wah! When I timidly glanced at Gallot-san, he was so shocked that you could say his eyes were popping out, and his mouth was wide open. Akaneeee~~~~! Just what did you teach meeeeeeee! ...Well, maybe it isn’t Akane’s fault. But, this power isn’t normal. Ah, and this power is just from 30cm in diameter, so it’s actually more powerful.

“Ummmm...Gallot-san, are you okay?” (Mika)

“Huh!? Ah, Mika, please teach me the theory of this new magic. It has this much power from 30cm in diameter. It could be used as a trump card against the evil tribes.” (Gallot)

Yes, a trump card! It really does pack a punch, huh? Oh, Sakuragi’s rushing over here from the noise.

“Hey, Shimazaki, what was that? It has amazing power!” (Sakuragi)

“We~ll, a long time ago, I asked Akane how I could start a fire easily with everyday things other than a lighter. Then, she taught me that I can do it immediately if I use a magnifying glass with a convex lens. I got her to explain until I understood the principle. So, I thought ‘I can apply this to magic, righ~t?’. So, I made the convex lens in the magnifying glass with my magical power, and stored and fired solar energy. I never thought that *that* much power would come from a laser 30cm in diameter.” (Mika)

“Youuuu! Well, I guess it can be used as a trump card.” (Sakuragi)

After I explained from start to finish and got them to understand, when I checked my status, Light Magic was now 10

(MAX), and Holy Magic was 5. And, I acquired new magic—Space Magic.

It's good that I got a new magic, but this magic has a huge weak point. The magical power consumed by the 30cm laser I fired for practice was quite large. With my current magical power, I could only shoot a laser 2 meters wide. Even so, it's nice since I can use it as a trump card, but I'm not satisfied with something. This magic takes a little while to invoke.

Now, if I encounter an evil tribe while I'm alone, I'll be killed whilst I'm preparing the magic. I want to manage to arrange it so I can invoke it immediately. Aahhh, if Akane was here now, she'd solve it in one go~~. But, Akane isn't here. I realize just how much I've been relying on Akane until now. From now on, I need to think by myself. I'll arrange this magic, and handle it with perfect control.

○○○ Sakuragi Haruto's Viewpoint

Shimazaki sure is full of motivation. Considering the power of that new magic, I guess that's to be expected, though. Did she just apply what Shimizu said to magic exactly as is? I have to get stronger, too. But, I've been doing mock battles with Marcus-san over and over and over again, but I can't even hit him once. Why? What am I doing wrong?

“Haruto, are you troubled?” (Marcus)

“Marcus-san, I'm troubled because of you. Even though we're doing a mock battle, I can't land a single hit on you.”

(Haruto)

“Ah, that takes me back. I was also troubled like you. When I asked my teacher, they told me to break through my shell myself, which troubled me even more. In my case, I was able to breakthrough by chance when I was chatting with my friends. In your case, Haruto, maybe it'd be best for you to look back on everything so far.”

(Marcus) Saying so, Marcus-san left the training field.

Break through my shell myself—huh? What a manga or novel-like

thing. Well, he wasn't wrong; at times like these, I calmed myself by meditating while sitting cross-legged. I sat cross-legged, closed my eyes, and calmed myself. And then, I focused my attention on the magical power and presences around me. Now that I calmed down and observed the flows, I noticed something: each one was different. That sharp one is Ryūzaki, and this slightly warm one is...Mika? If I sparsely spread my magical power like this, I can tell who is where, huh? Wait! Maybe I can apply this to battle? Let's observe the flow of magical power in other people. How about the knights doing mock battles?

——So I was right. If I observe the magical power of other people in detail, I can quickly sense their movements. But, this isn't good enough. Even if I can sense it, there's no point if I can't react instantly. How can I improve my reaction?

Among the support spells, there is one that raises agility, but there isn't a spell that improves one's senses. Well, what now?

"What are you thinking about, Sakuragi?" (Kubo)

"Hmm? Ah, Kubo? I'm just wondering if there's a magic that raises your body's reaction speed." (Sakuragi)

"Body's reaction speed? Isn't agility okay?" (Kubo)

"Agility is just the quickness of your body's movements. The reaction that I'm talking about is inside the body."

(Sakuragi)

"Reaction inside the body, huh? I don't know how good of a reference I'll be, but hold out your arm for a second." (Kubo)

? I held out my right arm as asked. ——And, he hit it with all his strength.

"OWWw! What was that for all of a sudden!" (Sakuragi)

"That's the reaction inside the body. When I hit you, you thought 'ow, that hurt', right?. That pain was an electric signal.

The moment I hit you, an electric signal runs and is converted into pain when it reaches your brain." (Kubo) Kubo, I appreciate the advice, but just words is fine, you know?

“I see, an electrical signal, huh? Ah! I see, I get it now! Thanks, Kubo. Now, I’ll get stronger.” (Sakuragi)

“I’m just glad I was helpful. Well, I’ll go back to training.” (Kubo)

I see, an electrical signal, huh? I can clad myself in electricity...or rather, lightning. If I remember correctly, there was also Bestowal Magic, right? I should just bestow lightning on Magical Power Cladding. Ah, whoops, I’m getting ahead of myself. I have to learn lightning magic first. The problem is...how do I learn it? Lightning magic is basically electricity, so maybe I should imagine a stun gun on my fingertips?

Collect magical power at my fingertips, convert it to electricity, create an image of a stun gun, and....

《 *crackle crackle* 》

All right, I did it. I didn’t even need a chant. The image is important, huh? When I looked at my status, there was an entry: Lightning Magic level 1 (NEW). With lightning magic, what I could currently make is only just a 『Lightning Bolt』, huh? So, what I need to aim for is getting to the point where I can bestow the full energy of this magic to Magical Power Cladding. To do this, let’s try to retrain my body from scratch.

I’ll create my own Magical Power Cladding according to my image!

Chapter 3 – A Brief Rest

In chronological order, this is after Sasha set off towards Sphereart.

○○○ Haruto Sakuragi’s Point of View

Right now, we were at the adventurer’s guild. When you register as an adventurer, normally you’re supposed to have a mock battle, but all of us were ranked by Marcus-san. Most of us were ranked C-class, including me. Shimazaki and I seemed to have B-class level abilities, but there were rules, so we ended up C-class. Well, I wanted to leave soon, so B or C were both fine. Incidentally, today was a day off, the first one in a while. Until yesterday, I had been going into the C-rank dungeon, so I apparently needed to rest my body. This was emphasized to me in particular. Even Shimazaki warned me:

“I get that you want to get stronger, but it’s important that you rest

your body.” (Shimazaki) I mean, I guess I *had* been overdoing it lately. Well, maybe doing this once in a while was good, too. I finished registering and thought about walking around the Imperial Capital, but the guildmaster, Claude-san, called out to me, so I said goodbye to everyone and went to his room.

“Sorry for calling you here on your day off.” (Claude)

“It’s fine, I don’t mind.” (Sakuragi)

“I just think that I should tell you, the hero. You see, the saint Iris-sama in Sphereart has been missing since yesterday. It seems that while she was praying in the chapel, she suddenly disappeared.”

(Claude) The saint Iris is missing! If I remember correctly, wasn’t she a small girl around 11 years old?

“Then, are there any clues?” (Sakuragi)

“No. Right now, there aren’t any. The evil tribes had something to do with this, no doubt about it.” (Claude)

“But, the saint? Does that mean that Shimazaki will also disappear suddenly?” (Sakuragi)

“No, I’m sure Mika will be fine. There’s a high possibility that ‘Transfer’ was used on Iris.” (Claude)

“Transfer”!?

“‘Transfer’ is a lost magic, isn’t it?” (Sakuragi)

“Yeah, but not for the evil tribes.” (Claude)

I see, so the evil tribes can use it with evil magic?

“Then, where was she transferred to?” (Sakuragi)

“Well, there’s almost no data left about ‘Transfer’, so determining where is impossible. I don’t want to say much, but chances are she’s dead. But——” (Claude)

That’s a given. There is no reason for the evil tribes to let her live. But, what does he mean?

“But what?” (Sakuragi)

“Sasha might be able to find her. That’s probably just my wishful

thinking, though.” (Claude)

“Sasha?” (Sakuragi)

“She’s a female adventurer that left for Sphereart yesterday. She’s around the same age as you, I think. She registered as an adventurer, and then the next day, she defeated the Galum Gang, which was high on the blacklist. She even found and rescued Princess Finn of the Rhedenburg Kingdom, who’d been missing for about half of a year.” (Claude) Oi, I’m pretty sure I heard that the Galum Gang were some pretty tough bandits. She killed them alone?

“Who is she?” (Sakuragi)

“Not a clue. The person herself said she was just an adventurer, but her strength easily exceeded mine and Marcus’. I nearly died just from her ‘Overpower’.” (Claude)

No way! Marcus-san and Claude-san are both S-class. They yielded to only her ‘Overpower’?

“No matter how you see it, she’s someone suspicious.” (Sakuragi)

“Yeah, you would think that normally. But, when we actually met and talked, both Marcus and I thought she could be trusted. After she rescued her, Princess Finn also called her ‘Master’.” (Claude) Oi, are the 3 of them being brainwashed? Whatever the case, for now, she’s our ally, it seems.

“I’d like to meet her someday...that ‘Sasha’.” (Sakuragi)

“She’s quite a beauty, so don’t go falling in love. Well, it’s certain that the evil tribes are starting to move on a larger scale. You guys should be careful. They’re appearing all over, and when you least expect it. At present, they haven’t invaded into the Royal Capital, but don’t let your guard down.” (Claude)

“Got it.” (Sakuragi)

Sasha, huh? Let’s remember her. And, the evil tribes are finally moving as well? I can’t be careless either. After I go into the dungeon one more time and test that power, I’ll go out on a journey.

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Right now, I was in the midst of walking around the city. Things like

this were good for a change.

It's close to lunch time. Ah, that smells pretty good. —Is it from this store? This smells kind of nostalgic.

“Heyyyy, Sakuragi, let's each lunch together.” (???)

When I turned around, Ryūzaki and Kubo were there.

“Ah, sure, let's eat. How about this store? It smells kind of..nostalgic.”
(Sakuragi)

“This smell...yeah, it's definitely kind of nostalgic.” (Ryūzaki) Ryūzaki got it. Hmm? Why's Kubo looking at the menu and shaking?

“Hey, Kubo, what's wrong?” (Sakuragi)

“You guys, look at the new meals area on this menu.” (Kubo)

Ooh, let me see! Wha-!? Fried chicken special, orc cutlet special, and croquette special!? Why are those in another world!?

“Ryūzaki, hey, this...” (Sakuragi)

“No way! Anyway, let's go in and eat!” (Ryūzaki)

When we entered the store, we just barely managed to get the last seat. Just in time~. Immediately, a female employee came over.

“What would you like to order?” (Waitress)

“Could we each have the fried chicken special, the orc cutlet special, and the croquette special, please?” (Sakuragi) When the specials came, we couldn't move for a while. In front of us was fried food, something we thought that we'd never eat again. And, the moment I bit into it, I thought “Ahh, yep. This is the taste”. I felt that the flavor was a bit different, but I kept eating it without caring about that slight difference. Before I knew it, it was all gone.

“Ryūzaki, Kubo, how was it? Right now, I feel great.” (Sakuragi)

“”Same here.”” (Ryūzaki + Kubo)

Ah, that reminds me, let's ask the employee.

“Excuse me, these new meals were really good. Who thought of them?” (Sakuragi)

“Aren’t they! They’re so good. They were invented by an adventurer named Sasha. Originally, it was taught to Gale-san of the Possible Roof, but when the adventurers staying there wished for it to spread across the entire Royal Capital, Sasha-san gave out the recipe for free and publicized it. After discussing it with Gale-san and them, it was decided that it would be spread little by little, with the first store being this one.” (Waitress)

“Ah, I see. Thank you for the thorough explanation.” (Sakuragi)

“It was nothing.” (Waitress)

That employee *really* loved the new dishes. At any rate, the person that invented it was Sasha? Who is she? I’m sure that she’s not Shimizu-san. If she was, Marcus-san would have said something to us.

Right then, Kubo said something.

“A reincarnator.” (Kubo)

“Kubo, did you say ‘reincarnator’?” (Sakuragi)

“Yeah, I did. We were the only ones summoned from another world, so the remaining possibility is——” (Kubo)

“I see, a reincarnator, huh?” (Sakuragi)

If it was that, then I could understand. Even in web novels, there were cases where reincarnators, like summoned people, had powerful skills. While I nodded in agreement, Ryūzaki asked something.

“Sakuragi, Kubo. Have you guys ever met that Sasha person?” (Ryūzaki)

“I haven’t. But, I’ve heard rumors. She’s around 16 years old, quite the beauty, she’s good at cooking, and her personality appears to be the best.” (Kubo)

“What Kubo’s saying is basically all true. I heard about her from Claude-san just a bit ago.” (Sakuragi) I told them what I had heard from Claude-san. Ryūzaki appeared to be interested in Sasha.

“I want to meet her, no matter what! She’s a beauty, she’s good at cooking, and she’s stronger than Claude-san and Marcus-san. I have to meet her. I even want to go to Sphereart right now.” (Ryūzaki) Man, Ryūzaki really is weak to beauties. I guess Kudo thought so too, as he

advised Ryūzaki.

“Ryūzaki, we don’t have time to worry about women. Besides, I think we might be able to meet Sasha.” (Kubo)

“Hey, how can you say that so surely?” (Ryūzaki)

“Oh, well if she’s stronger than Claude-san and Marcus-san, there’s no way she won’t help in the battle against the evil tribes. I’m sure we’ll meet her sooner or later.” (Kubo)

“Ohhh, that’s true! I want to meet her soon! You guys think so too, right?” (Ryūzaki)

“Well, I am interested.” (Kubo)

You too, Kubo!? For now, I guess I’ll reply as well.

“Well, if there’s a high chance of meeting her, then I’m looking forward to it. Rather, the problem is Sphereart. With the saint missing, there appears to be a lot of confusion. War may break out soon.” (Sakuragi)

“The evil tribes are finally starting to move on a large scale—huh? We have to leave soon as well.” (Kubo) What Kubo’s saying is right. After trying our strength in the C-rank dungeon, let’s leave early.

After we left the store, we walked through the city and relaxed a bit, and then returned to the royal palace. When we got back, Shimazaki and Fukiyama were sighing. I had heard that Fukiyama was one of Shimizu’s few friends. Her hair was fairly long, and despite looking cute, she was an unobtrusive girl.

“Shimazaki, Fukiyama, what’s wrong?” (Sakuragi)

“Oh, welcome back, Sakuragi. It’s just, I’ve heard from everyone that there’s a store that started selling fried chicken. It was after we ate lunch, but we still hurried over there. And then, the line was *huuuge*, but we still wanted to eat it, so we both lined up. When I thought “finally, it’s our turn!”, they were sold out. Can you believe it! It was the worst! Ahhh, I want fried chicken~~!” (Mika)

We looked at each other. We couldn’t say “we ate something delicious” now. But, it was then that Fukiyama pointed something out.

“*Sniff sniff*...hrgh, it smells like fried food. ...And you guys just ate,

didn't you? This smell is fried chicken, isn't it!"

(Fukiyama)

Does fried chicken have a strong smell? Guess it would be better to just say we did

"Ah, I met with Kubo and Ryūzaki in front of that store just before noon. And after we saw the menu, we so~~rt of entered the sto——"
(Sakuragi)

"Sakuragi, don't say anymore." (Kubo)

After Kubo spoke, he pointed at the two. Oh...this is bad.

"Sakuragi-kun, you *ate* it!?" (Fukiyama)

"Welllll..." (Sakuragi)

"You ate it, didn't you!" (Fukiyama)

"Yeah, we ate fried chicken, orc cutlets, and the croquettes, and they were delicious." (Sakuragi)

And, Shimazaki snapped.

"Fufufu, even though we didn't get to eat anything, you guys got to eat 3 types of things. How could youuuuuu!?" (Mika) Uwah, she's squeezing my neck. Ah, stop, no moreee! I tried asking Kubo and Ryūzaki for help, but they were gone already. Damn it, they abandoned me!

"Sakuragi-kun, you have some nerve...boasting that you ate fried food in front of us." (Mika)

"No, calling it boasting is..." (Sakuragi)

It's no use. Let's just give them what I took to enjoy later. There had been other stores than the one from earlier that had been practicing making fried chicken. I'll have to thank her for giving me advice.

"Here, I'll give you this, so please forgive me." (Sakuragi)

"Hrm...M-Mika, this is fried chicken!" (Fukiyama)

"Eh? Ah, really! Sakuragi, can we have this?" (Mika)

“Yeah, it’s not from that store, but I got them to share what they were practicing making in another store. Its taste should be slightly better.” (Sakuragi)

“Mika, it’s fried chicken! Fried. Chicken!” (Fukiyama)

“Yumi, it’s fried chicken! Thank you, Sakuragi. We’ll eat it in our rooms right away. Let’s go, Yumi.” (Mika) After I gave it to them, the two left with smiles from ear to ear.

Thank god I had that~~.

Well, today was fun.

Now, starting tomorrow, starting will resume.

After this, the members other than Shimazaki and I will be chosen, and if we can pass the final test——we’ll set off soon.

Chapter 4 – Deciding the Members for Resealing the Evil King

○○○ Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

The members for resealing the Evil King have been decided. Shimazaki, Ryūzaki, Kubo, Fukiyama, and I: the five of us.

The few elite would go. Taking into consideration the basic attribute values, magic, skills, and unique skills, these members were best. Ryūzaki and Kubo’s basic attribute values were high, they had plenty of skills, and their unique skills were powerful, too. As for Fukiyama, if you only looked at her basic attribute values, though the values were low, she ended up having aptitude for all magic, and her ‘Magical Power Manipulation’ and ‘Magical Power Circulation’ abilities were extremely high. At present, her skill level was 8. On top of that, her unique skill was 『Relaxation Room』. It wasn’t an attack skill, but she could move to the relaxation room’s unique space no matter where she used it, and if that wasn’t enough, you could sleep in there.

This time, we planned on conquering the C-rank dungeon with 25 floors with just the five of us. Right now, we were approaching the dungeon’s entrance.

“Mika, I’m nervous. If we can clear it this time, we’ll be setting off soon, won’t we?” (Fukiyama)

“Yumi, let’s not think about things like that, and go in relaxed.”
(Mika)

“That’s right, Fukiyama. When we go, we’re going to meet the spirits, so if you’re nervous now, what will you do there?”

Take it easy!” (Ryūzaki)

“You’re too relaxed, Ryūzaki-kun. You should be a bit more nervous.”
(Fukiyama)

“You guys are just like two halves of a whole.” (Kubo)

“Maybe you’re onto something, Kubo.” (Sakuragi)

After everyone laughed, all of our expressions turned serious. At the entrance, Marcus encouraged us.

“If you remember the training you’ve had so far, you should be able to break through this easily. Don’t panic, even if evil tribes appear. Act calmly. Don’t touch the dungeon core, even if you subjugate the boss minotaur. Well, the dungeon core itself should be buried deep in the lowermost room, where the goddess’ statue is, so I don’t think you’ll be able to touch it, but there appears to be rare cases where it is exposed by a powerful attack being given to the boss. If the dungeon core is destroyed, the dungeon itself will collapse. Currently, this C-rank dungeon is a profitable place for adventurers, so please be careful.” (Marcus)

“Got it, Marcus-san. Let’s go.” (Sakuragi)

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When it comes to a C-rank dungeon, the traps were just unfair.

- 1) The moment we entered one room, the ceiling fell. Not slowly, either, but quickly.
- 2) As we were walking down a hallway, there was an obviously suspicious string hanging from the ceiling. Naturally, when we tried to go past whilst ignoring it, a hole opened up in the floor, and dropped us down a floor...into a monster house. That string was a lure.
- 3) When I thought I had found the stairs to the next floor and ran ahead, I crashed into a wall that just had a mural on it.

The trap was the so-called ‘trick art’.

There were many types of traps like those. Incidentally, those were the ones I had personally experienced.

“Sakuragi, I think you know this, but look out for traps. You know how many traps you’ve fallen for in this dungeon so far, right?”
(Kubo)

Kubo warned me. Well, considering just how many I’ve fallen for, I guess that’s natural.

“Yeah, I know. I’ve been falling for them left and right.” (Sakuragi)

“You’re too careless, Sakuragi. You walk right into any room, and you’ve even been tricked by murals of stairs. And for the string, it’s normal to check your surroundings.” (Mika)

“We can’t leave you alone, Sakuragi-kun. You’ll definitely die. It’d be embarrassing for the hero to die to traps like that.”

(Fukiyama)

Shimazaki, Fukiyama, please forgive me for that.

There’s a spear stuck in my heart.

...Hmm? Wasn’t there something just now?

“Sakuragi, what’s wrong?” (Ryūzaki)

“Ah, Ryūzaki, didn’t you sense something?” (Sakuragi)

“Huh? I didn’t feel anything?” (Ryūzaki)

Huh? Was it my imagination? I felt someone’s gaze, maybe I should be on guard for now? We were on the 3rd floor now, and thanks to 『Magical Power Cladding』, even C-class evil tribes could be killed relatively easy.

“It sure is nice having 『Magical Power Cladding』. Mika and I’s magic can almost one shot a C-class evil tribe.”

(Fukiyama)

“Yeah, we might be safe even if an A-class evil tribe comes now.”
(Mika)

Hey, wait, if you say things like that, one will really come, you know?

“Don’t get carried away!” (Kubo)

《 Smack 》

“”Owww!”” (Mika + Fukiyama)

Ah, there’s Kubo’s scolding.

“There are some that occasionally clad themselves in evil power, even among the C-class ones! Have you forgotten that!

If they attack in a group, even they will be dangerous. Don’t get careless!” (Kubo)

“”Okaaaay.”” (Mika + Fukiyama)

A-class and S-class, huh? How strong are they actually? Can we contend with them as we are now? Well, at any rate, when the Evil King revives, we have to subjugate it. I need to get stronger. This is the 3rd time we’ve come into this dungeon, but C-class evil tribes are quite different in strength. When I fought one close to B-class, I would’ve had a bit of a hard time if not for ‘Magical Power Cladding’. Furthermore, even the same evil tribes can be different; those that clad themselves in evil power have the strength of a B-class. I was able to subjugate them without too much trouble after I responded with 『Magical Power Cladding』, but like Kubo said, if they come in a group, I think we’d be in quite the pickle if we weren’t able to use large scale magic. I have to think about magic that is small-scale, but high in power.

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When we arrived at the 15th floor, today’s exploration ended, and we entered the 『relaxion room』. Right now, I was thinking in my room about the gaze that I felt after we entered the dungeon. No one else noticed it other than me. At first I thought it might be my imagination, and I hadn’t paid attention to it either, but after we got to the 7th floor, the gazes increased to 3 from 1. I could feel the gazes, but I couldn’t feel their magical power or evil power at all.

It’s strange...no, unusual? Should I tell everyone? No, let’s watch the situation a bit more. If I could at least find out either their magical power or evil power, I could deal with it, but I guess I can’t because the level of my ‘Presence Sensing’ skill is too low? Wait, now that I think about it, I know why I can only feel their gazes. There was no

skill like ‘Gaze Sensing’.

—I see, even in our old world, there were people that could feel people’s gazes and presences, kind of like a sixth sense. And, I’ve heard that people with superior abilities could erase their presences. In this world, there wasn’t a

‘Presence Erasure’ skill for some reason. But, maybe there were people that could erase signs of magical power and evil power like in my old world, even without a skill.

Hey, wait, I’ve felt their gazes the entire time we’ve been exploring... doesn’t that mean these guys are quite strong? This isn’t good, I want to sense their existences somehow. Are there not any skills like ‘Existence Sensing’? In the first place, what is pointed out for the signs of ‘Presence Sensing’? Magical power? Evil power? Gaze? Existence? —Or maybe it’s all! If we assume that it’s all, even if they are erasing their evil power, it should be possible to sense their existences...that is, their souls. Alright, let’s try concentrating on ‘Presence Sensing’. Ryūzaki should be next to me...let’s see, I’ll try using normal ‘Presence Sensing’ first. This sign of magical power... yeah, it’s definitely Ryūzaki.

But the problem is after this! It always stops here. Everyone may be in danger. I *need* to find his existence.

Damn it, I can’t! I just can’t figure it out. No matter what I come up with, I can’t see past his magical power. Damn it, what should I do? ... Ah, now that I think about it, something similar to this has happened before. Back then, I was studying for a test. I didn’t get this one math problem at all, and was getting nervous. It was then that Shimizu gave me some advice.

(In times like these, the first thing you should do is take a deep breath. Look back at the formulas we’ve used so far. You should throw away unimportant thoughts, like assumptions and other people’s opinions. If you do that, you’ll solve it—

probably.)

Haa~, I ended up not solving it back then, but I wasn’t in doubt or frustrated. Alright, let’s try it, I guess. I took a deep breath and closed

my eyes. I erased my unimportant thoughts, and when my heart calmed, I poured everything into

‘Presence Sensing’.

———Huh? What? Suddenly, I felt nothing. And, what was that? I felt something warm. When I focused on that direction, there was a single light. It was rough around the light, but the inside was warm, and it felt pure and strong. The gaze, magical power, and evil power were all different. This was something more inward...I see, so this is ‘Soul Sensing’!

When I opened my eyes, Ryūzaki was in that direction. I did it, I was able to sense someone’s soul...their existence.

When I checked my status, ‘Presence Sensing’ had become level 10 (MAX). And, I had acquired the unique skill 『

Mental Concentration 』 .

Unique Skill 『Mental Concentration 』

The function is———. However, it won’t invoke if——.

Uoooh, this is strong as hell! But, I can’t use it if there is even a little——, huh? I should remember that feeling in actual combat. Interesting, let’s do this!

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The next day, before leaving the relaxation room, I talked about the 3 gazes. Kubo responded quickly.

“I see, so 3 gazes? And you don’t know who?” (Kubo)

“Right now, I don’t know who yet. I guess it’s because they’ve completely erased their magical power or evil power. Next time I feel their gazes, I’ll try searching for them.” (Sakuragi)

“They must be pretty powerful, erasing their magical power or evil power with their own sense. Are you fine with searching? Or rather, can you search?” (Ryūzaki)

“I solved that yesterday, Ryūzaki.” (Sakuragi)

I then told them that my ‘Presence Sensing’ skill had become level 10,

and that I had acquired the unique skill 『Mental Concentration』.

“Sakuragi, that’s amazing! If you can sense their souls, you can know whose gazes they are. And, your unique skill 『

Mental Concentration』 is really strong.” (Mika)

“Amazing, Sakuragi-kun. Now, I won’t have to say anything if you can sense traps, too.” (Fukiyama) *Gah*, Fukiyama, you didn’t have to add that.

“No, there’s the danger of them sensing it when I search for them, so I’ll tell you guys before I search. And, as for 『

Mental Concentration』, I can’t use it in actual combat yet. If—is there, it won’t invoke.” (Sakuragi)

“Hey, it’s still amazing. If you master it, maybe you can find a way to subjugate the Evil King as well.” (Ryūzaki) Yes, Ryūzaki, that’s right. I may find a way to completely subjugate, no, destroy the Evil King. There were walls I have to cross over, though. In various meanings.

“Well, at any rate, you’ve gotten strong, Sakuragi. Isn’t that a good thing? As for 『Mental Concentration』, you have no choice but to train so you can master it. Do the ‘Soul Sensing’ when you feel the gazes.” (Kubo) After Kubo summed it up, the exploration resumed.

When we reached the 20th floor, I felt the 3 gazes again. Maybe the moment we entered the 『relaxation room』, they became unable to feel our presences and were searching for us in a panic?

“Guys, I feel the gazes.” (Sakuragi)

“Sakuragi, we’re definitely being watched by someone.” (Mika)

“Yeah, we are. But, I don’t know who they are.” (Fukiyama)

“You guys are amazing. Kubo and I didn’t them notice at all.” (Ryūzaki)

“Look for signs of their souls. Be wary of your surroundings.” (Kubo)

After everyone nodded, I searched for their souls.

Hey, what’s this! When I checked their souls, there were 3 pitch-black souls, like hatred or ill-will. Are these the evil tribes? They’re also

quite strong.

“You guys, be careful. The ones behind the gazes are evil tribes. Furthermore, these guys are definitely a class above those in this dungeon.” (Sakuragi)

“Ehhh? Then, they’re B-class or higher, right?” (Mika)

“Assuming they are, then their aim is clearly us. Why aren’t they attacking?” (Ryūzaki) What Ryūzaki was saying was right. There were many evil tribes that had high intelligence from B-class and up. They should have had a chance to attack us so far.

“Maybe they’re waiting for us to be exhausted. If they are B-class or higher, then their intelligence will be high. Maybe they judged that since they’ll be fighting a hero, they might get heavily injured if they fight directly.” (Kubo) Kubo really does judge things calmly.

Then, a question came from Fukiyama, a rare occurrence.

“I have a question. This dungeon is on the outskirts of the Royal Capital. But, that doesn’t change the fact that it is in the Royal Capital. That means they’ve invaded without us knowing, doesn’t it?” (Fukiyama) No one could answer that question. The fact that they had invaded this place meant that there might be a war going on outside.

“Hey, Sakuragi, we don’t need to think about this! Let’s go back up to the surface right away.” (Mika)

“Wait, Shimazaki! We have to act calmly here.” (Sakuragi)

Marcus-san and Claude-san are on the surface. What we needed to do now was:

“We’ll deal with them in this dungeon. Despite hiding themselves, they’re strong. We can’t go outside the dungeon.”

(Sakuragi)

“I thought you’d say that. But, where will we kill them?” (Ryūzaki)

Ryūzaki’s already in fight mode.

“We’re on the 20th floor. There’s a goddess statue on the 10th floor and on the lowest floor, the 25th floor. Even if we go back to the surface, we have to go to the boss room. We’ll deal with them there, and go back to the surface.” (Sakuragi) Shimazaki, Fukiyama, and

Kubo nodded. Everyone's opinion matched.

This will be our first time fighting against B-class or higher evil tribes, won't it?

—Interesting, let's do this!

Chapter 5 – Battle against A-class Evil Tribes

○○○ Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

We'd finally arrived at the lowest floor. In front of me was a large, pompous door. The boss here was a Minotaur. Eight meters in length, it was an evil tribe boasting in attack power, or so I'd heard. But this wasn't the only battle—next we'd be fighting the 3 evil tribes. I wanted to try as hard as I could to beat it without showing off my power. So we thought of a way to beat the Minotaur quickly. Those 3 would probably observe our fight against the boss and attack us when we least expected to be attacked—right after we subjugated it. Thanks to me being able to sense souls, we were able to predict it beforehand. Had I not been able to do that, someone might've died or been sacrificed. Everyone prepared themselves, and the door was opened.

In there was a large and spacious room. Sitting on the throne inside was the Minotaur. This guy was B-class, huh?

According to the information we got beforehand, the Minotaur was a middle-ranked B-class. It got up from the throne, and—

“MOOOOOOO.”

—let loose its 『Overpower』.

Its roar was exactly like a cow's, so everyone just about fell over. It smiled evilly, probably thinking its Overpower was effective. In a certain way, it *had* taken the wind out of our sails.

“Everyone, do as planned! Disperse!” (Sakuragi)

“”””Got it!”””””

Kubo went to my left and Ryūzaki to my right. Shimazaki and Fukiyama acted in tandem and moved back, and then cast a 3 meter-wide 『Holy Field』 (Holy magic that kept evil tribes at bay). From there, they waited on standby to use new magic. And, I moved to the front. As I thought, it only had eyes for me, the hero.

“Minotaur, you only need to look at me. You look like you want one—a fair and square deathmatch. I’m the hero, you know? That’s right, come here. Or are you scared? You look like an oversized coward anyway.” (Sakuragi) Probably angry from those words, it roared and rushed this way.

—But the rush failed, and it just fell flat on its face. Confused, it tried to get up, but fell over immediately. Sorry, but I never planned on fighting you directly. I sent a signal to Shimazaki and Fukiyama while chasing after it. Well, I actually just raised my right hand.

“”Leave it to us.””

“” 『Stone Piling』 ””

Hammers and large stakes appeared right above both its hands and legs, and the four stakes were driven deep into its limbs all at once to prevent it from escaping.

《 Wham》 《 Wham》 《 Wham》 《 Wham》

“GumoOOOOOOOOO!”

It screamed in pain. Sadly, there was no way we were going easy on it. Shimizu had become an evil tribe because of us, and then she was separated from us. Its limbs were all pierced with stakes due to 『Stone Piling』 , and those stakes had pierced deep into the dungeon floor.

“Now then, I’m sure you know what’s going to happen after this, Minotaur. I don’t have time to have a fair and square deathmatch with you, sadly. I’ll end it quickly.” (Sakuragi)

I clad my body in magical power, and then compressed flames on my sword and sharpened it.

《 Woooosh》

“See ya.” (Sakuragi)

“MooO, MOOOO!!”

I ignored its cries for life and decapitated it. All right, subjugation complete! Next, about those gazes....

—That’s strange, they’re not attacking. Guess there’s no helping it, I have to defeat them here.

“Hey, the evil tribes there, come out. Don’t just stay hidden forever. I know you’ve been watching us every since we entered this dungeon. Let’s settle it here.” (Sakuragi)

Three shadows then appeared close to the entrance door. At first glance, they actually were shadows of a human. All three of them were black, and they looked to be about 2m in height, just a bit taller than me. They weren’t using ‘Overpower’

like the Minotaur, and although I didn’t sense any evil power, I felt something bottomless from them. Everyone seemed to realize this, and gathered near me.

Fukiyama was the first one to speak.

“Be careful, you guys. These guys are A-class. Their basic attribute values are around 8000 on average.” (Fukiyama) A-class, huh? I broke out in a cold sweat. Don’t feel that bottomless something. One of them began speaking.

“Perhaps a ‘how do you do’ is in order, Hero and his friends. We actually planned to have you die right after the Minotaur was subjugated, but I never imagined the Minotaur would be insta-killed by your abilities. Could you tell me how you did that for future reference?”

They’d been watching. They could guess it, then. While I was talking to the Minotaur, Kubo and Ryūzaki went around to its back and sliced the Achilles tendons in both of its legs. When it fell down and subsequently destroyed its posture, stone stakes strengthened with magical power were shot into its limbs to prevent it from escaping. Then, I decapitated it.

Exactly as it looked.

“There’s no point in telling someone who won’t be leaving here alive, don’t you think?” (Sakuragi)

“Haha, so that’s how it is. I’ll return those words to you, then .”

“You are the hero, right?”

“Yeah, I’m the hero.” (Sakuragi)

“And the saint is the woman back there with the neat hair?”

“Yeah, I’m the saint. What about it?” (Mika)

Right then, the area was engulfed in a deep darkness.

“Shimazaki!” (Sakuragi)

“Roger. 『Holy Field』 ” (Mika)

The moment her magic was invoked...

『 *Shiiiiing* 』

The sound of something colliding with the membrane of the 『Holy Field』 rang out.

“Oh? You made a barrier instantly? Well, even though you may be able to defend against our attacks, there is no way you can subjugate us.”

Were we confined in their space? Despite there being 3 of them, Kubo and the rest looked all right.

“What do we do, Sakuragi? I have no clue where they are. And I’m worried about everyone.” (Mika)

“Oh, rest assured. We have no interest in anyone but you, so they’re being left alone. If anything, we’ll only kill them after we kill you.”

“How very kind of you. What they’re saying is true, Shimazaki. They are within this space as well.” (Sakuragi)

“Eh, no way! But why tell us that? Something’s up.” (Mika) She had a point. They should have no reason to tell us every little detail.

“We are learning too, you know. In the past, we dealt with your friends until there was one left, exactly as you said. In fact, there have been several cases where our allies did this and were subjugated in return. We took several of their heads to the hero, but without fail, the hero would rage and awaken their true power. We, however, don’t wish to be subjugated by the hero after he awakens their power. So, we’ll first deal with you two, and then move on to your friends.”

Well, yeah, if they brought me the heads of Kubo, Ryūzaki, and Fukiyama, of course I’d be furious. Maybe I’d wake up to that “true power” or whatever. These guys really did think of everything. For me, though, it was a convenient development.

“What should we do, Sakuragi?” (Mika)

“Obviously the two of us will subjugate them. Shimazaki, please prepare to use 『that』 now. It’ll take some time, right?”

(Sakuragi)

“Yeah, but there’s no way you can fight 3 on 1.” (Mika)

“I’ll be fine. I’ll earn you that time one way or another.” (Sakuragi)

For me, it’d be better if Shimazaki was in the barrier. I’d be trying out two techniques here.

“I’m going. Shimazaki, unless I’m on the verge of death, don’t call out to me if you can help it after this. Please tell me when you’re ready.”
(Sakuragi)

“Eh, ah! Got it. Be careful.” (Mika)

Before leaving the barrier, I invoked 『Magical Power Cladding』 along with 『Mental Concentration』. As planned, thanks to being isolated from my surroundings, my unnecessary thoughts disappeared and I was able to activate my unique skill.

“Oh, you’re leaving the barrier? Are you sure you should be doing that? At your current level you cannot defeat us. You can’t even grasp our presences.”

These guys had no clue about 『Magical Power Cladding』, huh?

“Now, how about we get started? Come at me!” (Sakuragi)

Thanks to 『Mental Concentration』, I’d grasped their nature. This skill could be used for more things than I’d expected.

“Well, let’s start the battle then, shall we?”

The area was pitch black, and I couldn’t sense their evil power at all—but a sword was coming in from right in front of me, a darkness attribute spear from right behind me, and a darkness attribute flame attack came from the skies. And then—

—

『Shiiiiing』

The flying objects all struck one another.

“What! How can you avoid attacks from 3 directions? How about this, then?”

They took some distance and began running around me at high speed. And then, spears of the darkness attribute flew at me from all directions. Normally, you’d have no choice but to escape to the skies. That was a trap, though.

“ 『Storm Shield』 ” (Sakuragi)

I chanted a magic that made an updraft, and the moment I completely defended myself from the spears, I homed in one of the three, dashed with all my might, and cut off their right arm.

“Gu, you know where we are!?”

Normally, subjugating you guys would take a lot of time and effort. But, I had 『Mental Concentration』 right now.

Unique Skill 『Mental Concentration』

The more you focus your mind on something, the more you can ascertain the essence of your opponent and figure out the best way to beat them. However, you have to always be able to see my opponent. And, if you have unnecessary thoughts, you will not be able to reach this state of mind.

“Something like that.” (Sakuragi)

I thought about chasing after the enemy I cut, but the enemy behind me was full of gaps, so I converged magical power on my feet and moved in front of the enemy. I tried to bisect them, but naturally they avoided it.

“Wha! Unbelievable. To think you can grasp our location inside this space! This is all within our expectations, though.

There’s no helping it—we’ll have to get serious.”

Wha! Serious! Hold on, their nature was to trap their enemy in their own space and steal away their vision, and then assassinate them extremely quickly, wasn’t it? They should already be fighting seriously. Are they hiding something else?

“Hold on, serious? That just now wasn’t serious?” (Sakuragi)

“Fufufu, yes, we are now serious. You are not wrong. But, there are seldom few who can grasp us, shadow itself, and can subjugate us. But, did you not think it strange? That there are three of us, yet I’m the only one talking?”

Sure, I’d been thinking about that from the get go. The other two were matching its movements and attacking as it spoke dreadfully yet diligently.

“Yeah, so what if I did think it was strange? What are you going to do?” (Sakuragi)

“Fufufu, allow us to show you. The essence...of shadow.”

What, the essence!? What does that mean? I should understand everything with 『Mental Concentration』.

What in the world did they plan on showing me?

Chapter 6 – The Essence of Shadow

○○○ Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

The essence of shadow? What was that? I should’ve seen through the essence of my opponent with the 『Mental Concentration』 skill. Oh, wait! If I remember correctly, the explanation in my status was this: Unique Skill 『Mental Concentration』

The more you focus your mind on something, the more you can ascertain the essence of your opponent and figure out the best way to beat them. However, you have to always be able to see my opponent. And, if you have unnecessary thoughts, you will not be able to reach this state of mind.

I hadn’t found the best way to defeat them yet. It was “the more you focus”, so maybe I hadn’t reached that level yet!

“What’s wrong? Have you finally gotten cold feet? Then, please embrace it with your eyes. My true form.”

The three shadows lined up horizontally, and——seriously!?——they became one. It was 3 meters in length, and while I didn’t sense any evil power, the ‘Overpower’ it was emitting was clearly higher. My hands were trembling. This—

——was S-class. For the first time, I was actually feeling fear? Or was it

excitement?

“It’s been so long since I’ve returned to this form. I’ve been divided into 3 bodies until now. Now then, let’s start!”

!!! It closed the distance in an instant! *Tsk*. I managed to block the shadow’s right straight with my shield, but:

《 *Snap* 》

“Waahhh!” (Sakuragi)

The shield broke and I was sent flying by the impact. *Ku*, he’s strong! Was this a combination....no, a fusion! Its level was different from before.

“Good, you’re not dead. I’d be disappointed if you died from just that. Next is this. 『Dark Ball』 ”

Dark spheres about 20cm wide formed around the shadow, and then flew at me. Thanks to 『Mental Concentration』 I was able to figure out which ones could be dealt with, but——

“Damn! There’s way too many!” (Sakuragi)

I clad my sword in the holy attribute and slashed the attacking Dark Balls one by one, but each one of them were heavy.

“Oh? You’re managing to deal with them. How do you have such power. Then, how about you try to deal with this?”

Damn, what heavy attacks. I don’t have any choice but to use another trump card.

This time, Dark Balls appeared around the shadow one after another, surrounding me in all directions, and then attacked all at once. *Tsk*, does it plan on burying me and having it consume me! This...I can’t avoid it, I’ll be killed!

《 *BOOOOOM* 》

“Sakuragiiiiiii!!” (Mika)

I was engulfed in darkness. Man, this darkness really is trying to bury me, huh. But, too bad, I won’t die so easily! Let’s use that other trump card. I concentrated on my mind even more and added the thunder attribute to my Magical Power Cladding. Let’s clear this darkness

away first. I compressed the thunder attribute and released it with all my might.

“HAAAAA!!! Nice, it worked. *Fuuu*, that was too close. Shimazaki, I’m okay. It’s almost done, right? I’ll leave it to you!” (Sakuragi)

“A-...okay.” (Mika)

Apparently even the shadow was surprised by this.

“What is that! I’ve never seen that before.”

“Now, how about I get serious too.” (Sakuragi)

When seen in my status, this skill was described as 『Thunder Fighting Spirit』. It appeared to be an applied skill of 『

Magical Power Cladding』. It had a time limit of 10 minutes, probably because my 『Magical Power Cladding』 skill level was only 5 still, but it raised my basic ability values to about 4x. It was my final trump card. Now, I just have to subjugate it in 10 minutes.

“Interesting! Is this to show how ‘serious’ you are!”

“*Fu*, hey, did you notice this?” (Sakuragi)

I guess it hadn’t noticed, but before me and the shadow started talking I had cut off its left arm, and was now holding it in my right hand.

“What? Impossible! My left arm, in the blink of an eye!”

I completely purified the shadow’s left arm with the holy flame 『Holy Flame』.

“Next, I’ll drive it into your body.” (Sakuragi)

“Interesting. You’re definitely the hero. But, this is my space. Damage of this extent will recover instantly, as you can see.”

I know. Thanks to my now-deepened concentration, 『Mental Concentration』 had told me so. And, that in order to subjugate it, a high amount of the holy attribute was needed. This would be easier if I could invoke another unique skill at the same time while I was like this, but my current limit was too severe. The only way to subjugate it was Shimazaki’s new magic. I’ll leave it to you!

From my point of view, it felt like no one was here except for Sakuragi. But, there was something, no doubt about it! The surroundings were one color: darkness, so the enemy must've been darkness itself. It called itself “shadow” or something, didn't it? At first, it was surprised because Sakuragi was stronger than it expected, but after it said “allow me to show you the essence of shadow”, the surrounding atmosphere clearly changed. I felt a terrible amount of intimidation. I guess something struck his mithril shield, as it suddenly shattered to pieces. I knew Sakuragi was cutting something with his holy sword, but I couldn't see anything. Just what type of enemy was he fighting! ——Eh, what's happening now?

Sakuragi was rapidly covered in darkness. And then he disappeared. This can't be happening...if I had just completed that magic sooner——why did you have to die, Sakuragi.

“Sakuragiiiiiii!!” (Mika)

Then, the area where Sakuragi had been suddenly brightened. And the darkness covering Sakuragi was blown away.

“HAAAAA!!! Nice, it worked. *Fuuu*, that was too close. Shimazaki, I'm okay. It's almost done, right? I'll leave it to you!” (Sakuragi)

“A-...okay.” (Mika)

Thank gooooooooood. I thought he might have died. But, what is that? It's something different from 『Magical Power Cladding』, isn't it? A thunder-like * *crackle** sound was coming from Sakuragi's body.

“Now, how about I get serious too.” (Sakuragi)

The moment Sakuragi said that, I couldn't see anything, but he was holding something in his right hand. He then purified it. How amazing, he attacked the shadow in the blink of an eye! Ah, I can't keep watching, I have to do my best, too!

Though I couldn't see the shadow at all, thanks to Sakuragi, I was able to grasp its location.

Afterwards, I applied the darkness attribute outside of me, and spread it around the area so I wouldn't be noticed by the shadow. All right, I'm done! When I looked at Sakuragi, it seemed he had fought with

the shadow several times, and was slashing it with his holy sword. Somehow, it felt like the thunder was weakening.

“Sakuragiiii, I’m readyyyy!!” (Mika)

“Got it, fire it now.” (Sakuragi)

“Next is the saint!? What are you going to do?”

“OK! Shadow, take this! 『Reflector Holy Cannon』 ” (Mika)

I was worried about how I’d improve 『Shining Laser』, which I developed before. It was good I had a strong blow. But, when I was fighting alone that magic couldn’t be used. So, I thought of an improved version.

1) Collect as much solar energy as I can in convex lenses I made with magical power, measuring 30cm, 50cm, 1m, and 2m.

2) Store the convex lenses with the stored solar energy in my 『Item Box』. The energy collected was unstable and would normally diffuse immediately, but by storing it in my 『Item Box』 —a space where time had stopped, that could be prevented.

3) 『Shining Laser』 was normally compressed and released once, but it would be too wasteful to let it end with just one shot. So, I created 10 reflectors with differing diameters to reflect the energy (10 with a 30cm diameter, 10 with a 50cm diameter, 10 with a 1m diameter, and 10 with a 2m diameter). I laboriously made as many convex lenses and reflectors as I could every day.

4) I gave all the reflectors I made the holy attribute, and loaded the same amount of solar energy into them as a corresponding Shining Laser.

5) Each 『Shining Laser』 fired was strengthened by the holy attribute due to being reflected by the reflectors, and the energy was strengthened up to ten-fold.

This was how the 『Reflector Holy Cannon』 was improved.

It was nice I could create them with my unique skill, but when using the convex lenses and reflectors, the limit currently was, in terms of controlling the magic after I released it, 50cm wide. Also, there were two ways to use this 『Reflector Holy Cannon』.

Technique: Pierce the evil tribe with the first Shining Laser, strengthen the reflection and then fire it again. It repeated this 10 times, subjugating the evil tribe.

Super Technique: When against an A-class or S-class, they might stop the first Shining Laser or maybe even erase it, so only hit them after strengthening the reflection up to 10 times

This time, the opponent was unmistakably S-class. I should use the 50cm wide one that I could use now, and release the super technique. It was still difficult to control, so the magic was unfit for fighting alone, but I'd master it eventually.

"Ha! You're going to subjugate me with such a small amount of light magic?"

"That's not it. The highlight of the show starts now." (Mika)

I strengthened the reflections of the Shining Laser on the reflectors I set around the shadow. Possibly thanks to it being strengthened with the holy attribute, I knew where the shadow was. I moved the final reflector right above the shadow.

"What! This is...the holy attribute, and it's power is still growing! This looks bad. Afte—"

"Hey, don't forget about me, it might come back to bite you.
『Thunder Shock』" (Sakuragi)

"Gu, this is! You fired a shock of thunder inside my body!?"

Oooh, Sakuragi's amazing. Now it's my turn!

After the energy reached the reflector above it, it reached its MAX. The energy released from there was compressed down to 1m, strengthened, and fired.

"Shadow, it ends here! GOOOOOOO!!" (Mika)

《BOOOOOM》

"What! This holy attribute energy...it's too much...this can't b....happe...."

The maximum-strengthened 『Reflector Holy Cannon』 was fired from

directly overhead and struck it, and the shadow was purified and annihilated.

“We did it!!! Sakuragiiii, we subjugated ittt!!!!” (Mika)

“Yeah, we did it! I’m exhausted!” (Sakuragi)

Due to the shadow being annihilated, the space vanished and we returned to where we were before.

“Mikaaaaa! Thank god, you’re okay.” (Fukiyama)

“Sorry for worrying you~.” (Mika)

“What happened to the evil tribe, Sakuragi?” (Ryūzaki)

“Ryūzaki, rest assured! Shimazaki and I subjugated it. I thought we might really die this time, though. Shimazaki and I managed to subjugate it with her new technique.” (Sakuragi)

“You used that!? Were you able to control it well, Shimazaki?” (Kubo)

“Kubo, I practiced too, you know?” (Mika)

Jeez, that’s kinda rude. This time, we subjugated them with just the two of us.

“All right, let’s go back to the surface immediately. I’m worried about everyone else.” (Sakuragi) Everyone was given recovery magic and briefly calmed themselves, and then we returned to the surface.

Chapter 7 – Setting Off~ To the Four Great Spirits~

○○○ Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

We prayed to the goddess statue, and when we rushed back to the surface, the royal capital was——peaceful to a T.

Ordinary townsfolk were shopping like usual, adventurers were looking at weapons, and even the children were playing normally.

“Huh? There’s not even the slightest trace of a war.” (Sakuragi)

“Huh~? How weird~. I thought it would be a grave situation for sure, and yet...” (Mika)

“Were we dreaming or something?” (Fukiyama)

Shimazaki and Fukiyama and I were confused by this normal situation. Ah, looks like Ryūzaki's trying to ask a citizen something.

"Excuse me, isn't there an invasion of evil tribes in this royal capital?"
(Ryūzaki)

"Huh, what are you talking about? It's peaceful all around. In fact, the dangerous place right now is Sphereart, not here."

(Citizen)

Peaceful all around, huh? No, that's not right! A-class evil tribes have invaded into the C-rank dungeon.

"Let's go report to Marcus-san, you guys. We'll ask him about the current state of the royal capital." (Sakuragi) It's good the royal capital is peaceful, but I couldn't get rid of my unease. Something *had* to be happening. We returned to the royal palace.

——Upon returning to the royal palace, our classmates in the middle of training praised us. I mean, our plan at first *was* to conquer the C-rank dungeon. We ended the conversation quickly, and went to Marcus-san's room.

When we entered the room, Marcus-san was there. Alone, huh? Seems about right.

"So you've returned? Congratulations on conquering the C-rank dungeon. Now you all are real adventurers." (Marcus)

The words of thanks from Marcus-san were appreciated, but from the looks of things, it seemed nothing had really happened in the royal capital. What's going on? Whatever, let's give our report.

"Marcus-san, we definitely conquered the C-rank dungeon. However, a problem occurred after the boss Minotaur was defeated." (Sakuragi)

"A problem, you say! What happened?" (Marcus)

"Three A-class evil tribes that called themselves 'shadow' appeared."
(Sakuragi)

"Shadow!? And three of them!?" (Marcus)

Looks like Marcus-san knew about shadow.

“Yes, they started watching us from the 7th floor and observed us the entire time.” (Sakuragi)

“You did well to survive. Shadow is an A-class evil tribe that specializes in assassination. Many of the heroes’ allies have been killed so far, and they are listed in records as evil tribes that require caution. But, to think they invaded into the royal capital so easily! The magic tool didn’t detect them in the slightest.” (Marcus) Magic tool? Oh yeah, there’s the danger of being attacked by evil tribes with Transfer, so there’s a magic tool spread around the royal capital to sense the evil power of B-class or higher evil tribes. Or so I was told, anyway.

“Yeah, this time their targets were limited to just Shimazaki and me, and they were waiting for an opportunity to assassinate us.” (Sakuragi)

“Wait a minute. According to the records, shadows should have the ability to isolate all signs of their evil power. How did you subjugate them?” (Marcus)

“The new unique skill I awakened played a big part in that, you see. (Sakuragi) I told Marcus-san about how that during our exploration of the dungeon, my Presence Sensing skill had reached level 10

(MAX) and I had become able to recognize the soul itself, and that in the process I acquired the unique skill 『Mental Concentration』. I then informed him how I exchanged blows with the S-class Shadow King (the fusion of the 3

shadows) by using 『Mental Concentration』 and 『Thunder Fighting Spirit』 in tandem, and how it was finally subjugated by Shimazaki’s new magic 『Reflector Holy Cannon』.

“I see, 『Mental Concentration』, huh? That’s quite the powerful skill. If you master it, I think you might be able to subjugate the Evil King. Mika’s new magic can subjugate S-class at its current maximum output, so it’s powerful enough to be usable as a trump card in the fight against the Evil King.” (Marcus)

“Yeah, I found out by fighting the Shadow King, but I haven’t even begun to master 『Mental Concentration』 yet. I’m going to train more. 『Thunder Fighting Spirit』 is also strong, but it took everything I had to control two skills; I couldn’t afford to use any certain kill moves. Had Shimazaki not been there, I probably wouldn’t be here right now. But, what’s strange now is how the royal capital is peaceful. No matter

how I think about it, it's strange. I can't imagine it would end with just 3 A-class being sent in." (Sakuragi)

Right then, Marcus-san's expression showed a small change.

"Marcus-san, you know something, don't you! Please tell us!" (Sakuragi)

"All right. But, tell no one of this. This includes your classmates, of course. Today, at Sphereart, a war between humans and the evil tribes began. According to a report from Eleanor-sama, the difference in strength is roughly 10 ten-fold."

(Marcus)

What! Before I could say something, Ryūzaki spoke to Marcus-san.

"Wait a minute. We have to go, then!" (Ryūzaki)

"Let me finish. The war apparently started about 5 hours ago. And, about 3 hours ago, there was a report that the boss Evil Dragon was subjugated by S-class adventurers Bahn Fail and Rifia Rose, and currently they are in the process of exterminating the remaining evil tribes. So, no reinforcements are needed." (Marcus) Wait a minute, that's not right!

"Marcus-san, there's so much wrong with that. How can you subjugate a boss in such a short time with a ten-fold difference in strength!" (Sakuragi)

"The King, Gallot, and I are of the same opinion, Haruto. I asked Eleanor-sama the same question. The reply she gave back was astonishing. Just a single adventurer saved the saint Iris, solved the world's most difficult problems (the improvement of potions and the addition of magic to weapons and armor), and spread new techniques, such as the new skill 『Magical Power Cladding』, to the adventurers of Sphereart in a short period of time. And, the adventurer sensed the evil tribes' ploy faster than anyone else, reported it to Eleanor-sama a few days before the war, and rushed to prepare.

It appears everything was ready when the war began." (Marcus)

You're kidding. Those damn bad-tasting potions were improved! They added magic to weapons and armor! What's more,

『Magical Power Cladding』 is a skill that was created by improving

Shimizu-san's idea, and it hasn't been long since it was discovered in the royal capital. As of now, it shouldn't have been introduced to adventurers yet. Maybe that adventurer——has been in contact with Shimizu-san?

Shimazaki spoke while I was thinking.

"That's not possible. That adventurer is way too suspicious! What's their name?" (Mika)

"Sasha." (Marcus)

Kubo, Ryūzaki, and I all reacted here.

""Sasha!?""" (Sakuragi + Kubo + Ryūzaki)

"Do you three know her?" (Fukiyama)

"No, we haven't met. All we know is that she's the developer of the deep-fried menu." (Kubo) Kubo calmed himself down and told Shimazaki and Fukiyama.

""Huuuuuhhhh!?!?""" (Shimazaki + Fukiyama)

"I met her once with Claude-san. She was around the same age as you guys, and she was a beautiful woman with silver hair." (Marcus)

Sasha, just *who* are you? That isn't something that only one person could do! Hmm, how did you resolve the ten-fold difference in strength? There's no way potions and magical additions would do that.

"Marcus-san, how did she resolve the ten-fold difference in strength?" (Sakuragi)

"Combination magic. It was an idea devised by two female A-rank adventurers; Sasha gave them advice and made it able to be used in battle." (Marcus)

Hey, wait, the story's going way too well. Or maybe, Sasha guided everyone to make it look well?

"Well, I know what you want to say. However, according to Eleanor-sama, she's unfamiliar to the world and apparently had no clue that the techniques she developed were the first in the world. Furthermore, she didn't want to stand out, so it appears she gave the credit as the developer to acquaintances. It's possible she didn't want Sphereart's

citizens to die, and did this much with good intentions. Eleanor-sama herself trusts her completely, so it's probably fine." (Marcus)

Unfamiliar to the world, and handed over the credit as the developer to a complete stranger—or so Marcus-san said, but maybe it's fine if she's not a bad guy for now?

"And as for the shadows. This is my guess, but I believe they planned to attack the royal capital at first. I think they planned to use a large number of evil tribes as a lure, and have the shadows invade into the royal capital and assassinate you. But, I think it's safe to assume something unexpected happened at Sphereart and they turned all their forces, save the assassination group, to Sphereart." (Marcus)

Sure, it would be safe to assume that, huh. Now that I think about it, maybe Sasha ended up saving the royal capital.

While she listened to the story, Shimazaki appears to have started trusting Sasha as well. Or, maybe she started trusting her once she found out she was the developer of the fried food?

"Sasha sure is amazing. So she improved those extremely bad-tasting potions—I want to drink one." (Shimazaki)

"If I had to say, then I think I'm more interested in the magic additions to weapons and armor, Mika." (Fukiyama)

"I don't know much about the particulars, but it appears jewels have something to do with it all. Once the war is over and everything settles, the technologies should be introduced to the royal capital as well." (Marcus)

"In any case, I'm quite interested in this person named 'Sasha'. I want to meet her once." (Sakuragi)

"Heehh, it's rare for Sakuragi to be interested in someone~." (Mika)

Once anyone heard that much about them, it's only natural to suddenly become interested in who they are.

"Anyway, I apologize for the trouble you were put through in subjugating the shadows and the Shadow King this time.

Take the day off and rest properly." (Marcus)

I heard later that night that the war at Sphereart ended in a huge

victory for humanity. It seems the war came to an end in about 6 hours. Everyone was saying this was unbelievable. Sasha, the adventurer who lead the war to victory, is definitely a reincarnator. I really want to meet her. With this victory for humanity, it may change the evil tribes' movements in a big way. Let's travel while paying attention to the evil tribes' movements.

The next morning, the incident in Sphereart was officially announced in the royal capital. It was a great victory for humanity, so a festival was held. Us summoned were able to participate in the festival as well, so I cut loose for the first time in forever. I was acting with Kubo, Ryūzaki, Shimazaki, Fukiyama, and Kubo. We were leaving tomorrow morning, so today was the one day to mess around. At any rate...

“”Croquette, croquette, cro~quette~.”” (Mika + Fukiyama)

Shimazaki and Fukiyama had been like this for a while. It appeared fried food would appear in the stands at this festival for the first time.

“It's fine to eat, you two, but you'll get fat. —— *Hii!* I'm sorry. I won't say another word.” (Ryūzaki) Ryūzaki, that word is taboo for women. Sure enough, the two glared at him.

“Hey, Kubo, Ryūzaki, there's some grilled rice balls over there. They smell real good.” (Sakuragi) Someone then grabbed my collar from behind.

“No, Sakuragi-kun. Suddenly cooked rice is *absolutely* out of the question, you hear? Now, let's go to the croquettes.”

(Mika)

Eh? Wait a minute. Just one should be fine, right? When I glanced at Kubo and Ryūzaki, the two's collars were grabbed and they were dragged towards the croquettes just like me. Did you guys love croquettes *that* much!?

In the end, we followed Shimazaki and Fukiyama's pace and ate the stall's fried food. My stomach started to hurt in the midst, so Ryūzaki and I were resting on a bench. Kubo was off searching for something tasty.

“Hey, Ryūzaki, aren't women weak to sweet things? You think

Shimazaki and Fukiyama'll get heartburn from just fried food?"
(Sakuragi)

"Who knows. No matter how I think about it, Shimazaki and Fukiyama are weird. They missed out on eating fried food the other day, so today their reaction was huge." (Ryūzaki)

It's possible. I want something sweet and refreshing. Oh, Kubo's back. Looks like he's got something.

"You guys, I found something sweet. Fruit juice *and* pudding!" (Kubo)

"Pudding!? No way, that's here too?" (Sakuragi)

"Yeah, apparently Sasha developed it. Right now it's really popular with women, and there's a line. I wonder why Shimazaki and Fukiyama aren't there." (Kubo)

Even though there was pudding, those two were off eating fried food. After a few months they'll be worrying about their weight. Oh, Ryūzaki's already digging in.

"Delicious! It's been so long since I've tasted this flavor. The juice tastes good, too. You should try some, Sakuragi."

(Ryūzaki)

"Yeah." (Kubo)

Woah, it definitely is delicious! The sweetness and smoothness have a perfect balance. The juice is good as well. It washed away the greasiness of the fried food. This is the best! Sasha, thank you for developing these. *Wha!* I felt killing intent behind me for some reason. When I timidly turned around, Shimazaki and Fukiyama were standing there with the look of a demon on their faces.

"Mika, these three have quite some nerve, don't they~." (Fukiyama)

"Right~? I can't believe they were eating something sweet without us." (Mika) Ah, Ryūzaki, you shouldn't say anything. When I glanced at Kubo, he seemed to be thinking the exact same thing.

"You guys were fine with the fried food, weren't you? I'm pretty sure you said you were going to pass on the sweet things. But, man, this pudding is just the best. Superb sweetness and smoothness. If you want some, look, they're on the stalls over there, so get in line

befo—— ABABABABABA~~~” (Ryūzaki) Idiot. He got an electric shock as a punishment. Look around, Ryūzaki. Both Shimazaki and Fukiyama were full-on in anger mode. But, what Ryūzaki said wasn’t exactly wrong, either. We told the two about it around 15 minutes ago. When we did, the reply we got back was “Pass. Right now is fried food time!”. Yep, I just don’t get women. Is Shimizu like this too?

The next morning, the time for the five of us to begin our journey had finally arrived. All the arrangements had been made. My strength was sufficient, but I still had to get stronger from here on out. Our first destination was the royal capital of the Elven country “Sylphie”, where the wind spirit was. There were only two routes from here: the route through the large forest or the detour route. Originally we planned to take the detour route, but the situation had done an about face last night.

There was a message sent to only the kings of the nations across the world from Eleanor-sama in Sphereart. The contents greatly shook the world. It said the first seal of the Evil King had been broken by someone. In the future, if any race were to be killed by the evil tribes, their grudge would be absorbed by the Evil King. What’s more, according to the Thelmia

Kingdom’s reconnaissance teams, several countries were falling into a state of unrest, and worst comes to worst there was the danger of them ignoring the treaty and a war occurring. It was now a race against time.

Due to this, we ended up having to take the shortest route through the large forest. Naturally, it came with great danger as there were powerful evil tribes, but with us as we are now, it should be fine. Our other classmates were assembling in groups of 4 to 5 and were diving into the dungeons scattered throughout the Thelmia Kingdom, getting ready for the war by becoming stronger.

When we arrived at the entrance to the royal palace, all of our classmates, Marcus-san, Claude-san, Princess Maria, and King Fahns were there. The royal capital was all roused up from the festival, so the send off was from the entrance to the royal palace.

“It’s so early, but it’s time for you to leave already, hmm? We have

already contacted the Elven King. Passing through the large forest will bring you considerable danger. However, the situation demands haste. Seeing as the first seal has been broken, we must immediately seek cooperation from the spirits. Proceed with caution.” (King Fahns)
Thank you, King Fahns. Not only had we received travel funds, but we’d also received brand new equipment and they had bought us months worth of food. Of course, that included cooking recipes, such as the recipes for the fried food and pudding, and they’d been put in Shimazaki and Fukiyamas’ 『Item Box』 .

“King Fahns, I will reseal the Evil King without fail.” (Sakuragi)

“Haruto-sama and his companions, I believe the movements of the evil tribes will become more and more active from here on out. In Sphereart, it seems even the priests and archbishop were brainwashed. Do not trust the approaching humans and other races so simply.”
(Maria)

“Thank you for the advice, Princess Maria.” (Sakuragi)

Next is Marcus-san, huh?

“The Thelmia Kingdom is a very stable country devoid of major discrimination. However, there are still countries and humans that discriminate just because their races are different, and there are those that discriminate even just because of social status. Be careful when going to a new country. Make sure to investigate beforehand.”
(Marcus)

“Got it!” (Sakuragi)

After this, encouragement came from our classmates as well, and finally it was time for us to depart.

“Well then, let’s go, you guys!” (Sakuragi)

Encouraged by the many people there, we left from the royal palace.

Our first destination: the royal capital of the Elven country “Sylphie”, where the wind spirit was!

Chapter 8 – Main Characters up to Interval Section 1

List of Characters

Thelmia Kingdom Royal Capital Arc ~ Sphereart Arc ~ Interval

Section 1

Protagonist's Party Members

Akane Shimizu / Sasha ?

The protagonist of the story, gentle and diligent. She's wanted her family to eat delicious cooking since she was a junior high school student, and studied cooking to do that. Her skills are already at the level of a professional. Due to being proficient at analysis, she can see through to the truth with limited information. Her best friend is Mika Shimazaki, but she

has few friends.

A beauty when she takes off her glasses. There are only a few people inside the class that know that.

A closet otaku, she loves light novels and web novels.

Finn Rhedenburg

A 12 year old beastman, she was kidnapped by the Galum Gang in the Rhedenburg Kingdom, but was saved by the protagonist. Currently, she is making an extraordinary effort to become stronger. Her personality is cheerful, and she has an earnest face. When she is excited, her favorite phrase to say is "Fuee~~".

Iris Falling (Saint)

An 11 year old human, she was attacked by evil tribes and was saved by the protagonist when she was on the verge of dying. She longs for the strength of the protagonist, and loves her "Onee-sama" dearly. Just like Finn, she is making an extraordinary effort to become stronger. In Sphereart, she has earned great trust from its residents.

The Summoned Members (All First Year High School Students)

Haruto Sakuragi, the Hero

A handsome guy with a gentle personality, due to treating everyone kindly, he is super popular with both men and women. He knows that Akane is a beauty when she takes off her glasses, and though he has feelings for her he is unable to confess.

Mika Shimazaki, the Saint

Has an innocent personality, and is Akane's best friend. She is the beauty of the class, so she is very popular with the boys. She knows that Akane is a beauty when she takes off her glasses. She loves fried food and sweet things.

Shinya Ryūzaki

Appears to be insincere from his words and actions, but is actually a good guy that values his friends.

Yoshiki Kubo

The calmest person in the class, he often takes the best course of actions even in critical situations.

Yumi Fukiyama

Has a cute face, but she doesn't stand out due to being in the background. For some reason, she speaks with half-done honorifics. One of the protagonist's few friends.

Nozumi Kaneko

Knows that the protagonist is a beauty when she takes off her glasses.

Has feelings for Haruto Sakuragi, but hates the protagonist because Sakuragi himself is more concerned about the protagonist than her.

18 Others

Men: Shibaya, Kondou, etc.

Women: Aoki, Ogura, Kōtō, Nagasaki, Furukawa, etc.

Adventurers introduced in Sphereart

Party Name "Blaze of Dawn": Both members S-class

Bahn Fail (Human, 22 years old, S-class)

Has deep crimson hair and an imposing air, a hot-blooded man. Has a tendency to act impulsively, but is recognized by adventurers because of his overwhelming ability.

Rifia Rose (Elf, 165 years old, S-class)

Looks to be in her early 20s. An imposing beauty with long blonde hair neatly tied back with a ribbon. Has the role of stopping Bahn every time he acts impulsively. Skillful at calmly analyzing things and making precise judgements.

Party Name “Gale”: All 4 members A-class

Will Beans (Human, 18 years old, A-class)

His black hair is rare in this area, and seems to be a little unreliable due to his reserved personality. Every time he sees a cute girl, he unconsciously attempts to sweet talk them, and he is punished by his partner Mia every time. However, in battle, he has the ability to see through the opponent’s nature and give accurate instructions to his friends. In actuality, he is a reincarnator who has retained all of his previous memories. He is liked by Mia, but he’s a dense idiot that still has no clue.

Roy Crofts (Human, 18 years old, A-class)

A brown haired man so handsome that 10 out of 10 women would be charmed by him. Just like Will, he is weak to cute girls so he is punished by his partner Himika every time. Himika has feelings for him, and though he knows that Himika has feelings for him, he can’t be upfront about it.

Mia Throttle (Human, 18 years old, A-class)

A woman with pink hair that goes down to her waist, has a huge chest, and she has more of a child-like cuteness than beauty. She likes Will, but she is a pitiable person that hasn’t realized just how *much* she likes him. Due to her being jealous, she severely punishes Will every time he attempts to sweet talk someone.

Himika Kristen (Human, 18 years old, A-class)

An imposing beauty with hair that goes down to her waist, has a crisp appearance. The strength of her love towards Roy is *very* high, so high that she’s already at the stalker level. When Roy makes a pass at a girl, she gives him an even more terrifying punishment than Will’s.

Sphereism Members

Eleanor Berring (Human, 75 years old, S-class)

The top Pope of Sphereism, has a close relationship with all countries across the world. Is under rule by the Thelmia Kingdom, but she has enough authority, influence, and charisma to create a country if she cared to. Currently, she is in the middle of thinking about who will be the next Pope. As for her personality, she is gentle and elegant, and has a captivating atmosphere even when seen by women.

Moore Cardy (Human, 60 years old, A-class)

A priest of Sphereism, Eleanor's faithful confidant. Though he is a priest, he always listens to conversations with the same viewpoint as a believer and sometimes gives advice, so he has earned great trust from the believers. Usually has a gentle and kind nature, but also has a harsh side. Thinks of Iris as his grandchild.

Clinka Holton (Human, 60 years old, A-class)

The Archbishop of Sphereism, Eleanor's faithful confidant, one of the next Pope candidates. His character is the opposite of Priest Moore's, he's sometimes harsh and often scolds Iris, but occasionally he shows a gentle side. Though harsh with the believers he comes into contact with, he acts quickly and resolves troubles, so he is worshipped like Eleanor. And, like Priest Moore, he thinks of Iris as his grandchild.

Thelmia Kingdom Members

Fahns Thelmia (Human, 38 years old, A-class)¹

Trusted by many vassals, has a character fit for a king. His heart ached over summoning the heroes from another world recently, but due to being encouraged by Sakruagi and Shimazaki, he now holds great trust in the two known as the Hero and Saint.

Maria Thelmia (Human, 15 years old, E-class)

A kind hearted girl who loves the Thelmia Kingdom, the birthplace of her deceased mother (the Queen), more than anyone else. In the records of before, it was stated that some of the summons brought harm to the country, so at first she was wary of the summoned members other than the Hero and the Saint. With Akane's case as a motive, she is currently opening her heart to the summoned members.

Gallot Burton (Human, 47 years old, A-class)

Head magician in the royal palace of the Thelmia Kingdom. He is acting as a teacher and teaching magic day and night so the summoned members can learn information about this world.

Marcus Frey (Human, 34 years old, S-class)

The Thelmia Kingdom's head knight. He has an honest character and has a deep trust from the knights. Once, he travelled across the world with the Guild Head, Claude, so his ability is immeasurable. One of the few S-class enrolled in the Thelmia Kingdom.

Claude Eol (Human, 34 years old, S-class)

The Guild Head in the royal capital of the Thelmia Kingdom. When he sees someone that catches his eye, he has a habit of unconsciously wanting to test them. Once, he travelled across the world with Marcus, so his ability is immeasurable.

One of the few S-class enrolled in the Thelmia Kingdom.

Volume 3

Chapter 1

Current Status as of the Start of Volume 3

Name: Sasha Falling

Age: 16

Race: Evil Tribe (Former Human)

Gender: Female

Class: Evil God

Level: 38

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 55345890

Defense: 53454378

Agility: 52136782

Luck: 100 (MAX)

Magical Power: 62437890

Evil Power: 62437890

Skills: Incompetence

Unique Skills: Free Dream

Titles: The One Disliked by the Goddess (*invalidated due to Existence Concealment being active*); Saint (*Large Correction to Magical Power, Other Small Corrections*)

Name: Finn Rhedenburg

Race: Beastman, 3rd Princess of the Rhedenburg Kingdom

Age: 12

Level: 18

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 2765

Defense: 2189

Agility: 3223

Luck: 20

Magical Power: 2034

Skills

Flash 10 (MAX)→Evolution→Blink 1

Magical Power Circulation 6

Magical Power Manipulation 6

Magical Power Cladding 4

Martial Arts 6

Claw Technique 5

Body Strengthening 4

Wind Magic 3

Lightning Magic 3

Unique Skills

Divine Beastification (*All basic attribute values are multiplied by 10 with a time limit of 10 minutes by becoming Fenrir*) **Titles**

Divine Protection of the Divine Beast Fenrir (*Compensation within all attribute values*) **Name:** Iris Falling

Race: Human

Age: 11

Level: 15

Basic Attribute Values

Attack: 918

Defense: 907

Agility: 705

Luck: 70

Magical Power: 4178

Skills

Magical Power Circulation 8

Magical Power Manipulation 8

Magical Power Cladding 4

Fire Magic 5

Water Magic 5

Earth Magic 4

Wind Magic 4

Light Magic MAX

Ice Magic 2

Holy Magic 6

Unique Skills: Full Recovery

(By using 2000 magical power, you can fully recover the physical strength, magical power, and all current-state abnormalities of all comrades within a 30 meter radius)

Titles

Saint *(Large Correction to Magical Power, Other Small Corrections)*

Chapter 2

inn and Iris' Growth

We return to Sasha's point of view from here. It starts at 3 days after the war ended.

Three days after the war ended, the atmosphere at Sphereart finally returned to normal. When I opened the window this morning, it was quiet and refreshing. The past two days were hard. The night after the war ended, a war had begun in a different sense. Yep—a festival. I also taught the cuisines I invented here, and when the food was sampled it became a real fiasco. I managed to finish my role by teaching many cuisines to the people running the meal shops and food stalls.

Sphereart's children and adults were way too energetic.

And, currently, we were no longer lodging in an inn; the three of us were staying in Iris' room at the Cathedral. As might be expected of a Saint's room, it was spacious and comfortable—even for three people. Now then, the first thing we had to do was to check our statuses.

“It's finally quiet now that the post-war party is over. Finn, Iris, have you two checked your current statuses?” (Akane)

“Ah, I forgot. I'll check it now, Master.” (Finn)

“Yeah. I forgot too. I will check it now.” (Iris)

Finn fought against some evil tribes, so her values should have gone up quite a bit. Iris' should have increased as well, though not as much as Finn's. Ah, wait, her Magical Power Handling should have increased a lot due to 『All Abilities Double』. For me, when I checked yesterday, my level had gone from 6 to 38, and my basic attribute values had increased to about 55 million. I know the cause is the 6 S-Class evil tribes I subjugated, but isn't this a bit much? Has an error occurred in the system?

“Fueeeeeeeehh! Master, my basic attribute values are somehow now around 2500. To think they'd rise this much in such a short period!” (Finn)

“Um, Onee-sama, mine went up a lot too, but my magical power has exceeded 4000.” (Iris) Knew it~. Their corrections from the divine protection and the Saint title came into play here, didn’t they?

“Hmm, that seems about right. To start with, as your level goes up, your overall numeric values increase. In your cases, the Divine Beast’s Divine Protection and the Saint’s corrections came into play.” (Akane)

“Master, does that mean the Divine Beast’s Divine Protection hasn’t functioned all that well until now? Why is that?”

(Finn)

“In your case, Finn, your skill level was too low simply due to a lack of ability. Maybe the Divine Beast thought you weren’t training at all even though you had its divine protection? Since you met me, your skills have efficiently improved, so I believe the divine protection’s corrections worked to the max.” (Akane)

“*Hau!* Due to a lack of ability, is it... Ahaha. So I was wasting the divine protection.” (Finn)

“Don’t be so crestfallen. You’ve regained what you had so far in this war, and if you continue to do your best, then even S-class isn’t out of reach.” (Akane)

“T-That’s right! I’ll do my best from here on out!” (Finn)

“Onee-sama, why did mine rise so suddenly?” (Iris)

Iris is different from Finn here.

“Hmm, you’ve been training since you were very small, so I think the Saint’s corrections were working to some extent.

But, if you were less than 10 years old and the Saint’s corrections were working to the max, then it’s very likely your personality would be warped. For example, if you were 8 years old and your magical power was 8000, you might have the illusion that you were the strongest, and you would look down on others. In consideration of that, the Saint’s corrections should have started showing effect little by little from around 10 years old, I think. And, now that you have been judged to be okay, the Saint’s corrections are working to their fullest.” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, if Divine Beast-sama is watching over Finn-ane, then is

there someone watching over me too?” (Iris) That’s Iris for you. Smart as ever.

“Maybe the Goddess Sphere was watching over you before?” (Akane)

“Before? Then who is now?” (Iris)

“Me. Even though I look like this, I’m an evil god, you know? Of course, I’m watching over Finn, too.” (Akane)

“Ehhhhhhh, Onee-sama! That’s so amazing. Thank you! Hmm, but is it okay to be watched over by an evil god?” (Iris)

“Fueeeeehh!! Thank you, Master.” (Finn)

In my case, there was no “divine protection”. Some kind of divine protection from an evil god would be useless, wouldn’t it?

《Knock Knock》

Iris responded to the door knock, and a servant entered.

“Iris-sama, Sasha-sama, Finn-sama. Eleanor-sama is calling for you. She had said to come to her room.”

“Yes, I understand. I will go visit her now.” (Iris)

A task from Eleanor-sama, maybe? Something for the future I bet.

We made haste to Eleanor-sama’s room. When we entered her room, Priest Moore and Archbishop Clinka were there as well.

“Sasha, during the feast, you seem to have taught some new cuisines. I ate some, too. The fried chicken is especially amazing. Before long, I imagine it will be spread throughout all of Sphereart. The reason I called you, is your name.”

(Eleanor)

My name?

“Is there a problem?” (Akane)

“It is of utmost importance that you continue your journey after this. You must officially decide your full name. Should it just remain as ‘Sasha’, there is a possibility you will be thought of as a criminal slave that had a part of their name stolen.”

(Eleanor)

No way! That's not good. Hmm, Sasha what? I have to add something.

"That is a problem. Hmm, thinking of one so suddenly is hard."

(Akane)

"If that's the case, then that is all right. I shall give you one. Well, actually, I have already thought of one. As Iris is calling you 'Onee-sama', how about Sasha Falling? You can officially become Iris' older sister." (Eleanor) When I looked at Iris, her eyes were sparkling and she was awaiting my reply.

"I would be very happy, but are you okay with it, Iris?" (Akane)

"Of course I am, Onee-sama! Now you're my real Onee-sama. Fufu"

(Iris)

"Then it is settled. From now on, you will be called Sasha Falling."

(Eleanor)

"Yes, I understand." (Akane)

"Yayyyy!!" (Iris)

Ah, then we have to give Finn and Iris proper aliases, too.

"Finn, Iris, you have to be given surnames in your aliases when you're disguised, otherwise people will misunderstand."

(Akane)

"Ah, we forgot." (Finn + Iris)

After discussing it:

Finn: Finn Cord

Iris: Eris Paletto

Such was the result. The origin of the surnames was 【nothing in particular】. Just halfheartedly chosen.

"Moving on, Sasha. Sphereart has calmed down now. What will you do after this?" (Moore) Yes, as Priest Moore said, my future destination was a problem. To be honest, though, I'd already decided.

“I have to take Finn to Rhedenburg, and there are also historic ruins to search, so my next destination is the royal capital of the Galdia Empire. Before that, though, I want to make the search for the historic ruins more efficient.” (Akane)

“More efficient?” (Moore)

“Yes, there are quite a number of dungeon-ified historical ruins across the world. Searching everything from top to bottom is way too inefficient. My ideal is to make a magic tool that can find traces of the Goddess Sphere, and search the historical ruins that have a reaction.” (Akane)

“Can you make such a magic tool?” (Eleanor)

“Say what you like, I think it’s impossible. What do you think, Clinka?” (Moore)

“Normally, there would be no way, yes.” (Clinka)

“Fufu, everyone’s thinking about it too hard. The image in magic is certainly important, but it can be easily done depending on the use. Let’s see, first, how about I make the magic tool here? It will take about 30 minutes or so.” (Akane)

“Eh, right now? Sasha, you can do that in such a short time frame?” (Eleanor)

“Yes, all I need is a strong, long, and narrow string, and a world map. A map of the entire world and a map of the countries should work for the time being.” (Akane)

Everyone’s really surprised. Just from that it became doubtful if the magic tool could be made. For the time being, while servants made preparations, from my item box I took out a magic tool with the same type of jewel as the one in the goddess statue in the underground lake. I’ll give Eleanor-sama the magic tool I made yesterday. Before the war I searched the city for the same gem as the one in the underground lake, but no such luck. So, after the war ended, I asked Eleanor-sama and was rewarded with this gem. I immediately tried investigating it, and it happened just as expected. Now, if I added that magic, I could do this.

“Master, what will you use that jewel and the magic tool for?” (Finn)

“This gem is called ‘moonstone’, apparently it’s quite valuable in this

world.” (Akane)

“Sasha, are you really fine with receiving only that gem as a reward for this war? It definitely is valuable, but it does not compensate for what you’ve done.” (Eleanor)

“Eleanor-sama, this gem is *super* important to me right now. After all, I found out I could give the space magics 『Magic Bag』 and 『Item Box』 to this moonstone.” (Akane)

“”What?”” “Pardon?”

Eh? Why are they that shocked?

“Is this true, Sasha?” (Eleanor)

“Yes, it is. These are magic tool rings I made for you, Eleanor-sama, Priest Moore, and Archbishop Clinka. They have been given the space magic 『Item Box』.” (Akane)

“Whaaaat!? The space magic 『Item Box』 has been put onto these rings!?” (Moore)

“Sasha, you are——” (Clinka)

Archbishop Clinka’s mouth was flapping open and shut. How silly.

“——Sasha, the magic tool rings you made...they are also one of the world’s most difficult problems.” (Eleanor) Eh? This is my first time hearing this! Ah, this development, not again!!

“Um, Onee-sama, there are about as few space magic users as there are recovery magic users. Even among those users there are many people who have learned 『Magic Bag』, which can store a large amount of items, but few people have learned 『Item Box』, which has the same function but no concept of time. And for the people working, I believe everyone wants to learn. Researchers from many countries are calling upon users of space magic to improve research, but no progress has been made on magic tools that have been given the space magics 『Magic Bag』 and 『Item Box』.”

(Eleanor)

“No way! I thought there were mithril and orichalcum magic tools with 『Item Box』. I wanted to save money on buying magic tools for Finn and Iris, so I just thought ‘why not make it myself with the

moonstone I was given’.” (Akane) Ahh, I went and made another ridiculous thing again.

“—Sometimes, I don’t know if Master is a genius or an idiot.” (Finn)

Ah, everyone nodded at Finn’s remark.

“The developer of this magic tool shall be Sasha.” (Eleanor)

“Eh? Eleanor-sama!” (Akane)

“It will be better for you to have at least one big achievement. You’re an S-class adventurer, you know!” (Eleanor)

“—Ah, okay, I understand.” (Akane)

It wasn’t the kind of atmosphere I could go against.

In the end, I ended up suspending the creation of the magic tool I originally planned to make. At lunchtime, Eleanor-sama officially announced this breakthrough. All the parties that participated in the war were asked to choose between receiving money or receiving a magic tool with 『Item Box』 on it (one per party) as a reward for participating, and to write down which one on paper and submit it to the guild receptionist. All the adventurers of course chose the magic tool, and I ended up being stuck with making them all. But, there was a chance that evil tribes would appear in large numbers again. At that time, Iris and I, or Bahn-san and Will and his party might not always be there, and there was a chance we couldn’t rush there. At that time, they had to protect Sphereart themselves. I think it’s necessary for the ever-approaching war with the evil tribes, so I’ll make them!

If Sakuragi-kun or Mika were here, I just know they’d angrily tell me off, saying “Get a proper reward” or “you’re too softhearted” or “you’ll be used”.

Well, I have no intentions of being used. If Sphereism were to use me for their own self-interest, then, well, I’m sure Eleanor-sama and the others knew what would happen.

Chapter 3

Cooperators, Appear

The next day, visitors came to the place I'd finished making more magic tools to deliver for the rewards than I planned to.

There appeared to be a lot of people, so we were asked to go to the conference room; Finn, Iris, and I went to the conference room.

"Ahhhh, I just barely finished making them. Seriously, I never expected every adventurer to choose the magic tools."

(Akane)

"Of course they did. The world's first magic tools with 『Item Box』 (and theft prevention), and what's more, you're the creator, Onee-sama, so they're super valuable. It's only natural that everyone would want one." (Iris)

"You're a super amazing person, Master, so please be a bit more aware." (Finn) Somehow, I feel like Finn and Iris are getting angry more often these days.

"From now on, I think I'll tell you beforehand when I make something." (Akane)

"I heard the same thing a little while before too, but please do that. Onee-sama, you need to fix that lack of worldly knowledge you have." (Iris)

When we entered the conference room, there were six people there: Bahn-san, Rifia-san, Will-san, Roy-san, Mia-san, and Himika-san. Incidentally, in order to prevent the leakage of information in the conference room, a 『Silence』 magic tool was installed.

"Hello, everyone. What did you do today?" (Akane)

Bahn-san was first to speak out.

"Sasha, you've done it yet again. All the adventurers were pleased with the magic tool with 『Item Box』 ." (Bahn)

"Ahaha, I planned on buying magic tools with 『Item Box』 for Finn

and Iris, but I created them myself because it would be expensive. Once I showed it to Eleanor-sama yesterday, it ended up like this.” (Akane) Riffa-san spoke in a shocked voice:

“So basically, to save money, you made it yourself without batting an eyelid. Without knowing it was the first in the world.” (Riffa)

“That’s right.” (Akane)

Will-san also started laughing.

“Hahaha, so it really was you who made all the new inventions, wasn’t it? You probably didn’t want to stand out and asked acquaintances to become the inventors for you, right?” (Will)

Geh, he saw through it all. Let’s just bravely admit to it.

“Yes, that’s right.” (Akane)

“You know, most of the adventurers have already noticed. That you had something to do with everything this time. The reason could be guessed, so I don’t think it will spread that much.” (Riffa) Riffa-san, I’m relieved to hear that. So, why did they come here today? Is it maybe——

“I believe you already know, but the reason we came today is to confirm who you are. Thanks to Will, we know that you are either a reincarnator or a transmigrator. The problem is your strength. Even when Bahn used Overpower, you remained calm.” (Riffa)

Oh, so Will-san is a reincarnator? No wonder he figured out who I am.

I can trust these people, so how about I tell them.

“Okay. I will tell you who I am. But not a word of this to anyone.” (Akane)

——I told them everything about me except for my name——

Once I finished explaining everything, everyone was dumbfounded.

“I imagine you will figure it out before long if you investigate, but I will refrain from saying my real name.” (Akane) As expected of a reincarnator, Will-san doesn’t look all that surprised.

“Haha, so it was only because of your unique skill that you were able to subjugate it, huh. Still, to think the evil god was eaten as a steak lunch... That’s something only you can do, Sasha. As for the evil god...I feel kind of bad, that’s gotta be the worst way to go.” (Will)

“Will-san, I absolutely did not want to die back then, so I was desperate. The evil god was eaten by me while screaming.”

(Akane)

Bahn-san’s finally returned to us.

“You...ate it like normal, huh? Well, it’s a pretty funny ending for the evil god.” (Bahn) Rifia-san’s been brooding something for a while now. I wonder what’s wrong.

“I see, so thanks to your unique skill, you stole all of the evil god’s abilities. But are you yourself okay? Maybe you have the evil god’s evilness inside? Isn’t it possible you were taken over by the evil god?” (Rifia)

“You don’t have to worry about that. When I ate it, I converted all of its evilness into power, even the evil god was shocked. It grew afraid of me halfway through. 【Please just quickly eat me and get it over wiiiiith】 , it begged. At the end, it sighed in relief. I guess I converted all of the evil god into power, my basic attribute values ended up becoming amazing.” (Akane)

“Sasha, you’re amazing. To think you made the evil god fall into the depths of despair! Maybe when I punish Will, I should do that too?” (Mia)

Mia-san, the second half of that sounded a bit weird.

“Yep, I respect you. I’ve never thought about a punishment like that. Maybe I should— to Roy too——” (Himika) Himika-san, I didn’t catch what you said at the end there.

“Oi, what were you two imagining just now? What are you going to do to me and Will!” (Roy) Somehow, the conversation’s going in the direction of punishment.

“*Ahem!* —At any rate, I’m shocked. To think the evil god had already been subjugated... What a great achievement. But, I thought the main cause of it all was the evil god, so does this mean there’s someone else?” (Rifia) Thank you for changing the conversation, Rifia-san.

“Rifia-san, can I hear the details about the history of this world? I don’t know anything about who the evil god is, or what happened before 1000 years ago.” (Akane)

“Yes, if it’s you then there’s no problem telling you. However, this is folklore that’s been handed down in the Elven country, and there are no records. An oral tradition that’s been told by ancestors for generations.” (Rifia) We listened to the contents of the oral tradition.

1) A long long time ago, Spherethalia was flourishing more than it was now. As far as I heard, the words remained in fragments, like airships, guns, and magic stone trains; they at least had a civilization in the first half of the 1900s era in our world.

2) This civilization did not last long. The evil god arrived and a world-level war broke out. When half of the world had fallen into the evil god’s clutches, the Goddess Sphere appeared. After a fierce battle, she succeeded in sealing the evil god in another space.

3) However, the evil god left a spawn in the world in a way not noticed by anyone.

4) That spawn was the Evil King, and the fated battle with the Evil King began 1000 years ago when it emerged.

5) Currently, the Elves are working with the spirits to think of a way to completely annihilate the Evil King, but this has yet to reach the level of a plan.

“And, never let the evil god be woken. It is told the world will perish if that is broken.” (Rifia) The history of this world was like that. At any rate, to imagine they told more than 1000 years in an oral tradition...Elves sure are amazing.

“That evil god was subjugated by you, right? So then shouldn’t you know who the evil god is and how to annihilate the Evil King?” (Will)

“Sorry, Will-san. I don’t know about that either. When I ate the evil god, everything I felt malicious was turned into power, so I think a part of the evil god’s memories was judged to be malicious.” (Akane)

“Yes, that’s a shame. I was really hoping.” (Rifia)

“Rifia-san, though I don’t know who the evil god really is, I have a rough guess as to how the Evil King is resurrected each time. You

should know something too, shouldn't you, Will?" (Akane)

"What! Will, you heard her, spit it out now!" (Rifia)

Aah, Rifia-san's holding Will-san's arms behind his back.

"Wait a second, Rifia-san, it hurts! I give, I give, I'll tell you so please explain it to her!" (Will) Rifia-san came back to me and hurriedly explained.

"Sorry. In Elven country, we are researching things related to the Evil King with such zeal that we give out prize money."

(Rifia)

Will-san, please say that.

"Sasha, I'm so glad you told me. Anyway, it's probably using the 【Cycle of Reincarnation】 I spoke of in my previous life." (Will)

"Cycle of Reincarnation? What does that mean, Will?" (Rifia)

As I expected, it isn't transmitted in this world, huh?

"The Cycle of Reincarnation: a living thing becomes a soul when it dies, and is reborn as a new living thing. When you are reborn, all your memories before death and your strength are cleared. In the Evil King's case, it might be reincarnating into a new evil tribe while retaining its strength and memories. Isn't that right, Sasha?" (Will) That's a reincarnator for you, he's right on the dot. After pondering for a while, Rifia-san's face suddenly had a convinced look.

"No matter how I think about it, that's got to be it. I know because I've examined the references. The Evil King's form is different every time; sometimes it's a child, other times it's a large monster. But, then how do you completely annihilate it? Is there a way?" (Rifia)

"There is. The evil god appears to have added this Cycle of Reincarnation system into Spherethalia's system. Basically, in order to completely eliminate the Evil King, all you have to do is remove the Cycle of Reincarnation system for the Evil King from Spherethalia's system." (Akane)

"Um, Onee-sama, I understand the theory, but where is Spherethalia's system itself?" (Iris)

"I have to go to the world managing Spherethalia. And, the Goddess

Saria is there. I was there once, but I was only partially conscious and remember almost nothing about that world. However, the summoned may know something. It's best to ask the Hero and Saint." (Akane)

Right then, Bahn-san began smiling.

"This is good. The Hero and Saint, huh? Feels like some kinda fate. Don't you think so, Rifia?" (Bahn)

"Yep, I do. In fact, a nomination request has come in. Apparently the Hero and his party have departed on their journey to re-seal the Evil King. Their first destination is the Sylphie Kingdom's royal capital, and it seems they are going on the route through the big forest. The contents of the request stated you must guard them in a way so you aren't noticed."

(Rifia)

Heehh, the route through the big forest, huh? It's the shortest route, but quite dangerous.

"Isn't the guy that thought of the contents of the request stupid? They probably want them to watch over the heroes and make sure no danger befalls them, but then how the hell will they grow! It might be good to happen to meet them while adventuring in the big forest and then go with them to the Sylphie Kingdom's royal capital with them from there." (Bahn) Yep, exactly that.

"Well, like Bahn said. I've finished preparing, so I was planning on leaving as soon as I talked with you, Sasha. I'm glad I got to talk to you. Now I have some strong information about the Evil King." (Rifia)

"Sasha, we'll go meet the Hero and his party after this and find a way to get to that manager's space. You guys should stick to your original plan and search for the Goddess Sphere's messages. One of them just might tell you how to get to the manager's space." (Bahn)

An S-class adventurer through and through. Bahn-san gave out precise instructions.

"Yes, that sounds good. But, please be careful. The Goddess Saria might try planning something, and there may be other string pullers. The thing you should be most careful about are the Caprice Boxes. Only in that room with that box can the Goddess Saria intervene with this world, it seems." (Akane)

“Who is this ‘Goddess Saria’? She doesn’t appear even in our Elven folklore. Now Bahn, make sure to not stupidly approach the Caprice Boxes.” (Rifia)

Will-san began speaking.

“We want to help too. If we ignore this, Spherethalia may fall to ruin. Roy, Mia, Himika, you guys in?” (Will) The three nodded.

“Then Will, we’ll go meet the Demon Lord in Demon Country. He’s your friend too, so he’s sure to help.” (Mia) Is that true, Mia-san! His friend is the Demon Lord...how amazing.

“Yeah, that’s true. There are a lot of references regarding magic and evil magic in the royal capital of the Legnant Kingdom in the Demon Country. Maybe they know something about the manager’s world.” (Will) Bahn-san and Will-san and them are really great people. Thank you.

“Thank you for your cooperation, everyone. As of yet, I have almost no clue who the string pullers are, so please act with caution.” (Akane)

“No, Sasha, *you’re* the one who should act with the most caution. You’ve done a fine job of standing out so far. It’s fine for now since the people around you are covering for you. In the next country you visit, you shouldn’t take any noticeable actions.” (Will)

Will-san, that was a great retort. Thank you.

“Okay, I’ll be careful.” (Akane)

Like this, our plans for the future were decided.

Bahn-san and Rifia-san → Join the Hero and his party and go to the Sylphie Kingdom’s royal capital Will-san, Roy-san, Mia-san, and Himika-san → Go to the Legnant Kingdom in Demon Country Finn, Iris, and me → Search for the Goddess Sphere’s messages

Chapter 4

Finn and Iris' First Capture of a C-rank Dungeon

Handing over magic tools with 『Item Box』 (and thief prevention) to Bahn-san and them? Check. What became of the meeting after we reconfirmed our goals? It ended. I saw them off at the entrance to the Cathedral, and they went off to go carry out their goals. Now then, next is us. I have to first make the magic tool I only part way finished.

Currently, we are in Iris' room.

“Onee-sama, what will we do now?” (Iris)

“Yesterday, I made a magic tool I partially finished. The servants have brought me a world map and a map of all the countries, so now I have to make the magic tool and make sure it works properly.” (Akane)
Now, I had prepared 4 things: the moonstone, Sphere's contained magical power, the space magic 『Downing』, and the thin but durable string. It was finally time to use Sphere's magical, which only a little of remained in the jewel of the goddess statue in the underground lake, sealed with space magic. As for how...I guess like this?

1) Making of the space magic 『Downing (Sphere Searcher)』

The magic checks the world map and tells me the remaining locations by incorporating Sphere's prepared magical power into 『Downing』. Normally, 『Downing』 is a magic that tells you locations from the world map by imagining what you are looking for and chanting. This magic won't invoke unless you have an accurate image.

2) Open the world map, bring the moonstone necklace with 『Downing (Sphere Searcher)』 right above the map, and chant. If there was a remaining place nearby, the moonstone would vibrate. I wouldn't know the exact location, but this was enough.

—The magic tool was completed in about 20 minutes.

“Master, did you really already finish it?” (Finn)

“Yes, is that bad?” (Akane)

“Onee-sama, you're too fast. I heard the theory, but I never thought

you could do it so quickly.” (Iris)

“If you have the theory and all the materials, you only need to be confident. The rest is experience. I think the both of you could do it now if you had a little practice.” (Akane)

“Fueeehhh! I can make magic tools, too?” (Finn)

“Your Magical Power Manipulation is 6, so you would take a bit longer than Iris, but you can definitely make them.”

(Akane)

Their skill levels rose this high just from efficient training alone. Their potential must’ve been high from the start.

“So, let’s try this magic tool, shall we? Let’s open the world map...and now to start the magic tool. The Thelmia Kingdom first. ——Hmm, no reaction, huh?” (Akane)

In the end, there were 10 reactions in total.

Human Galdia Empire: 2 places

Elf Sylphie Kingdom: 2 places

Demon Legnant Kingdom: 3 places

Dwarf Orseille Kingdom: 1 place

Beastman Rhedenburg: 2 places

“Woaahh, Master, it really worked. There are 10 places in total.” (Finn)

“Onee-sama, from here, the closest one is the Marco Ruins in the Galdia Empire. The closest city is Billbrem, the second city in the Galdia Empire.” (Iris)

So it’s still the Galdia Empire, huh? Our next destination is now Billbrem instead of the royal capital, then. As far as I’d heard from Eleanor-sama, it should be a country with intense discrimination of social status between humans. As the three of us were commoners in disguise, so we’d stay away from nobles and royalty. As for our names when disguised, if we only had our name and no surname, all 3 were added randomly.

“Are there any things we need to watch out for besides discrimination of social status in the Galdia Empire?” (Akane)

“There is, but for you, Onee-sama, there’s none at all.” (Iris)

“Yep, not one. That country is a complete meritocracy. Adventurer’s adventurer ranks are temporarily reset, and you have to take another test at the guild.” (Finn)

Ughhh, so annoying. I painstakingly received S-rank, and now I have to take another test!

“How annoying. I want to clear the test quickly and go to the historical ruins.” (Akane)

“Um, Master, many of the people in that country are rather belligerent. Please refrain from standing out.” (Finn)

“Even I don’t like to stand out. But, if there is someone who puts my important Finn and little sister Iris in danger, ——

I’ll crush them until their mind breaks[Tags: Ahegao]. No mercy!” (Akane)

“” *Hiiiiii!!* “” (Finn + Iris)

Now that we’ve decided on our next destination, let’s get ready, shall we? First, let’s go to the nearby C-rank historical ruins dungeon and give Finn and Iris a test of strength!

“Finn, Iris, before we go to Billbrem in the Galdia Empire, we’re going to test your strength. You haven’t been to a C-rank historical ruins dungeon yet, so I’d like you to gain some experience there. It even has traps, too, so it’s perfect.”

(Akane)

“”Okayy!!!” (Finn + Iris)

“Iris, let’s get stronger! If we are weak, the adventurers of Billbrem will be annihilated.” (Finn)

“Let’s do our best, Finn-ane!” (Iris)

Being motivated was nice and all, but I won’t *really* kill them. If they come to cause trouble for us, I’ll just *half* kill them This was the C-rank historical ruins dungeon nearby to Sphereart, and right now,

Finn and Eris (Iris' disguised name) were the vanguard in our adventure. I would not be giving them any advice. For the time being, I was limiting 『Distortion Field』 secretly so they wouldn't die. Apparently, I had misunderstood about Finn's Divine Beast's Divine Protection due to the evil tribes. I'd thought "with divine protection, there's no way she can be killed by an evil tribe". But I was wrong.

When I examined it, instant kill attacks were certainly defended against by the divine protection, but she'd apparently die like normal if she had an abnormal status or was exhausted. 'To be judged by the Divine Beast's Divine Protection' was written. Too dangerous, it's a good thing I looked into it. That was why I had improved 『Distortion Field』 since then to

defend against all attacks such as physical, magical power, evil power, and abnormal status. I also made it able to be casted with space-time magic. As for me, I continuously used this magic except for when in Sphereart, so all attacks became my food. About 30 minutes after entering the dungeon, it was clear that I was correct to put this evil magic on Finn and Iris. There was a door in front of them, and the door opened without warning. The moment they entered the room, I heard a 《click》. Not having noticed at all, Finn and Iris both walked unreservedly to the center of the room.

《ROOAAAAARRR》

"Finn-ane, what's this sound?" (Iris)

"Hmm, I wonder what it is?" (Finn)

"The two of you, look up." (Akane)

"Eh, up?" (Finn + Iris)

When they both looked directly up—the rock ceiling was falling on top of us.

"EEEEEEHH!!" (Finn + Iris)

《BOOOOM》

Naturally, the stone ceiling directly hit us. Who just enters a room without any caution!

"With this, the both of you have died once. Had I not been using 『Distortion Field』, you'd both be seriously injured or even

dead in the worst case. This time, this evil magic is set to invoke when you receive an attack when your strength is at or under half. You should act with caution after this.” (Akane)

After a while of silence:

“”Fueeeehhh, that was so scaryyyyy.”” (Finn + Iris)

The two were hugging each other and crying. Though I told them to be more cautious after this, they fell into each and every trap. All of them were just simple traps.

1) A hole opened up in the floor, and metal spears fired in our direction from 10 meters below us.

“”Fueeeeh”” 《Clang》

Just before we turned into skewers, 『Distortion Field』 activated and we survived without issue.

2) They carelessly opened a chest and 10 evil tribes came out.

3) Four strings—one red, blue, yellow, and purple—were hanging down in a narrow, straight passage. They’d fallen into several traps by this point, so they were on guard. However, when we approached a certain distance, the passage was blocked. The release method? If you concentrated magical power on your eyes, you could see that you needed to pull the red and purple at the same time, but sure enough, they pulled them one by one despite being on guard.

Red: Wrapped our entire bodies in flames

Blue: Ice spears attacked us from all directions

Yellow: An extremely spicy liquid dropped from the ceiling

Purple: For some reason, metal basins fell onto our heads.

We were fine since we were protected by 『Distortion Field』, but my limit to patience was soon approaching. Possibly knowing this, Finn and Iris were trembling and not looking at me.

“Both of you, sit!” (Akane)

“”Yes ma’am!!”” (Finn + Iris)

The moment they were called, they shook and immediately sat down. I stood behind Finn and put my fist on her forehead.

“Um, Master. What is it!” (Finn)

“Finn, I told you to be careful, did I not? So then why’d you not even use 『Magical Power Cladding』 and just pull the strings while only watching what was around youuu!!!” (Akane)

I did the same grinding attack as in that anime.^A

“Migyaaaaaaahh, Masteeerrrr, I’m sorryyyyyyyyyyy!” (Finn)

“No forgiveness, now here’s your punishment. Reflect on it!!!” (Akane)

“*Higyol!!!* ” (Finn)

After a minute of continuously doing it, Finn collapsed to the ground while twitching and continued to say “I’m sorry”.

Iris was trembling slightly next to her, probably from having witnessed the entire scene.

“Onee-sama—please forgive me. I’ll be more cautious from now on.” (Iris)

“As if! In our world, this punishment awaits children that mess around, even if they’re 5 years old (in some anime).”

(Akane)

“Migyaaaahhh~::~!! Onee-samaaaa, I’m sorryyyyyy!!! *Hiiii!!!* ” (Iris)
A minute later, Iris was now like Finn. Maybe I went a bit overboard?

“Listen up! This time, if you take careless actions again, your punishment will be twice as long as before.” (Akane)

“” *Hi!* Double that! Okay, we won’t fall for any more traps!!!!” (Finn + Iris)
Thanks to the punishment, after that they were able to avoid most of the traps. The rare times they did fall into one, they looked at me and fired off several “We’re sorry!”. I guess they *really* didn’t want to receive that punishment. Was it that painful? Ah, there’s a C-rank Land Grizzly (a large bear-like evil tribe that uses earth evil magic). Perfect, let’s try it out.

“Both of you, stay back. I want to try something.” (Akane)

Using earth magic, I made two big, hard, round rocks.

“Onee-sama, you don’t mean....the technique you want to try is!”
(Iris)

Exactly that. The Land Grizzly would probably rage about, so I had it float in the air. Then, I did the grinding attack.

“GRRR! GRRRAAAAH, GRAAAAAaAAAH! GRAAAAAaaah!!”

Ooh, it’s rampaging...it’s getting exhausted very fast...and——it died.

“Hi! M-Master, you don’t mean we’ll be getting the same for not avoiding that previous trap...right?” (Finn)

“Don’t worry. As long as you don’t make too big a mess, I won’t use that punishment.” (Akane) Both of them were clearly relieved. But, it’s too early to be relieved~.

“However, from now until the next break, I will raise the rank of the punishment according to how many traps you get caught in.” (Akane)

“”No way!!”” (Finn + Iris)

“If you get caught in over 10 traps, that Land Grizzly’s punishment is awaiting you. But don’t worry, the counter starts now.” (Akane)

The two’s faces were ghastly pale, possibly from having witnessed the Land Grizzly’s final moments.

“Eris, no way am I getting caught in a trap.” (Finn)

“Agreed, I do *not* want Onee-sama’s punishment.” (Iris)

When we arrived at the goddess statue on the 10th floor (our resting area), they had only fallen into 3 traps. Well, I’ll give it to them lightly on their arms.

“” Nowaaaaahhhhh!! “” (Finn + Iris)

Still, the two rolled about due to the pain.

—The next day, when we reached the lowest floor—the 25th, the levels of Iris and Finn’s Crisis Sensing skills had somehow risen to 7. After the two subjugated the Ogre Knight boss with relative ease, we reported to Eleanor-sama that we had captured the C-rank dungeon.

The only way to prove that you have captured a dungeon is to show the boss' drop item. For some reason, the same evil tribes would leave nothing behind above ground, but if it was a boss in a dungeon, it always dropped the drop item. By showing it to the receptionist at the adventurer's guild, it was proved you captured it.

"Iris, how was your first C-rank dungeon? Was the boss Ogre Knight strong?" (Eleanor)

"I was more scared of Onee-sama's punishment than the boss. If we fell for more than 10 traps, we would get that aerial grinding attack. By desperately avoiding the punishment the Land Grizzly tasted, the level of our Crisis Sensing skills rose to 7 thanks to Finn-ane and I's hard effort. We just barely avoided punishment." (Iris) Eleanor-sama's head turned this way with a 《creak creak creak》.

"——Sasha, what punishment did you give them that was scarier than an Ogre Knight?" (Eleanor) Was it that painful?

"Up until about the 5th floor, they fell into *each* and *every* simple trap. I thought they were messing around, my limit to my patience came, and I did the grinding attack. Should I try it out on Finn?" (Akane)

"Fueeeh!! Master, please stop!!!" (Finn)

"It must be quite the severe punishment to make them this scared. Well, I suppose it's fine if they were able to avoid it."

(Eleanor)

"No, this punishment system will continue when entering dungeons and historical ruins in the future." (Akane)

"“EEEEEEHH!!”" (Finn + Iris)

"It's all right. Your Crisis Sensing skills have risen to level 7, I'm sure you won't get caught in that many traps." (Akane) Thus, Finn and Iris' first adventure in a C-rank dungeon resulted in them tasting a different kind of fear.

Chapter 5

Departing to the Galdia Empire

The day after our capture of the C-rank dungeon, we went shopping inside the city to make preparations for our trip tomorrow to Billbrem in the Galdia Empire. When we arrived at the tool shop, the shopkeep Baron-san and the doctor Muska-san were there. I had bothered the two by making them the in-name developers. Baron-san was an uncle in his 40s, and Muska-san was a glasses-wearing man in his late 20s that gave the impression of a researcher.

“Good morning, Baron-san, Muska-san. How are the sales for the potions and magic potions going?” (Akane)

“Ooh, well if it isn’t Sasha. It’s going great! Muska’s been making them every day, but our supply isn’t keeping up with the demand. After that, Muska further improved it, and now it’s become nearly twice as effective as those shoddy tasting potions. Potions are now comparable to 『High Heal』, and high potions are comparable to 『Extra Heal』!” (Baron) You were able to improve them that much? Amazing!

“Muska-san, isn’t that amazing!” (Akane)

“What are you saying! The base is just a slight improvement on your recipe, so I have to do at least this much.” (Muska)

“I apologize for the development matter. I didn’t want to stand out too much, you see.” (Akane)

“Well, there’s no helping that. I’ve heard about that from Dolk-san and them and the adventurers since then. Everything was developed by you. If it was discovered all this was done by one person, of course there’d be a ruckus. But, are you fine with it? Normally, about 1% of the profits would go to you, and when it’s all combined, that would be quite a hefty sum of money.” (Muska)

Ahaha, Muska-san, I’d be dragged into something whenever I went if I did, so I’ll pass.

“Yes, I don’t mind. I am going to travel around the world after this, so I’m going to live while subjugating evil tribes.”

(Akane)

“Wait, Sasha, are you leaving?” (Baron)

That I am, Baron-san.

“Yes. Thank you for the potion matter, Baron-san, Muska-san. I will leave tomorrow morning.” (Akane)

“I see, it’ll be quite lonely around here. I’m sure you’ll be fine, but don’t die.” (Baron)

“The world is quite large. I imagine there will be many unreasonable things. Be careful out there.” (Muska)

“I will!” (Akane)

Leaving the tool shop, I dropped by the dwarven blacksmith Dolk-san and Irumi-san’s house.

“Oh, Sasha-chan, what brings you here?” (Irumi)

“Good morning, Irumi-san. I’ll be leaving here tomorrow morning, so I wanted to give thanks. I inconvenienced you with the gems.” (Akane)

“What are you saying! It was a favor rather than an inconvenience, so you’re welcome here. Work has been coming in constantly. The gem dealer is also happy. Requests have reached even the adventurers, so there are not nearly enough gems. Furthermore, the developer this time around is Sasha, and magic tools with 『Item Box』 attached will be sold as well, so it looks like we’ll be very busy.” (Irumi)

“I have conveyed to Eleanor-sama that the profits made from this will be donated to Sphereism and spread to orphanages.” (Akane)

“Donated!? You’ve done something big yet again! I hope the lives of orphans can be improved upon a little now. At any rate, all the industries have been so busy ever since you came to Sphereart. Everyone will miss you when you go on your trip.” (Irumi)

Come to think of it, with the meals, potions, gems, and magic additions to weapons and armor, the good industries would certainly get busy. I didn’t think it would get this busy, though.

“Dolk-san seems to be working now. Well then, I’ll be going now.” (Akane)

"If you come to Sphereart, be sure to stop by. My husband will be pleased." (Irumi)

"Okay." (Akane)

While I bought foodstuff, I went to various places like the Adventurer's Guild and the gem shop, and all of them were sad to see me go. It made me happy. Now, I'm all ready! Tomorrow morning, Eleanor-sama would be making a declaration to all of Sphereart. I wasn't leaving alone, but with Iris, too, so I was sure everyone would be shocked.

The next morning, Iris was already up when I woke up.

"Hmm? You're up quite early." (Akane)

"Good morning, Onee-sama. I woke up an hour ago. It's finally time for us to depart." (Iris) It's her first trip, isn't it? She must be quite excited.

"Yes, once we leave Sphereart we'll walk for a bit and then I'll summon the Griffon and Unicorn, and then we're off to the Galdia Empire." (Akane)

"Unicorns can't fly though, Master?" (Finn)

"Oh? Good morning, Finn. After I summoned and made a contract with the Unicorn yesterday, I remodelled it to make it fly a little." (Akane)[S: When, what? What unicorn?]

"You can remodel evil tribes?" (Iris)

"I can only remodel the ones I've made a contract with. Last night, I summoned the Lich, Griffon, and the Unicorn, and talked to them about my circumstances. All three of them were shocked. Once I showed them proof, they all kneeled. I got their permission to remodel and did so as I pleased. By strengthening the skeleton that was its body, I made the Lich approximately 4x stronger, the Griffon was strengthened to S-class and is now about 3x stronger, and by adding wings to the Unicorn and making it S-class, it's now 3x as powerful, the same as the Griffon. All three were quite pleased."

(Akane)

"Master, those feats can only be done because you're the evil god, you

know.” (Finn)

“Did the Lich know anything about the evil god?” (Iris)

About that.

“There were several bits of beneficial information.” (Akane)

1) The Lich was a long-time servant of the evil god.

2) Urubus was a long-time servant of the evil god as well, and apparently a renowned evil magic user. He found a way to make a contact with the evil god, and succeeded in getting the information on how to hatch the eggs and how to make the Wicked Heart Medicine from the evil god.

3) Urubus, while protecting the Evil King, began manufacturing the Wicked Heart Medicine to lift the seal on the evil god. And, it was finally completed about 500 years ago.

4) The Lich apparently was the commander in chief until the Evil King emerged. After the Evil King emerged, it seems he acted as the Evil King wished.

The problems started here.

5) An unusual event occurred 500 years ago, when the Evil King was revived. At the time, the Lich was apparently on an expedition, and sensed the unusual event. By the time he returned, all of the long-time servants of the evil god were gone.

The atmosphere of the Evil King and the other evil tribes was different from before, and the Lich thought something was definitely off. Upon asking the Evil King, it seems he was told 【All of the long-time servants were killed because they defied me. You see, Lich, the existences we should worship are not the likes of the evil god. They are higher than the evil god. You are to be loyal to them!】. After that, the Lich decided to be loyal to them on the surface, but continued to investigate what happened independently. However, it appeared he hadn't found anything so far.

“That's all I heard from the Lich.” (Akane)

“Existences higher than the evil god. What happened to the Evil King and the evil tribes 500 years ago?” (Iris)

“Well, I can’t say anything for sure with just the Lich’s information. But, I can say this! There are multiple masterminds.”

(Akane)

Somehow, I could guess what happened. It was just an assumption at most, though, and I wasn’t going to give voice to it.

“There’s a chance we will run into those masterminds in the future, right, Master?” (Finn)

“Precisely! But, that’s a talk for another time. Thanks to the Lich, I was able to acquire a little information and am now a step further. Now then, once we have breakfast, let’s report this information to Eleanor-sama.” (Akane) I reported the Lich’s information to Eleanor-sama, Archbishop Clinka, and Priest Moore.

“There are multiple masterminds, and all are existences higher than the evil god. And, those existences indoctrinated something into the Evil King 500 years ago, and changed their faith from the evil god to them, you say? Sasha, do you think you can win?” (Eleanor)

“I can’t say anything at this stage. Perhaps, the Goddess Sphere also felt the event and tried to find out who the masterminds were, but there’s a high chance she had the tables turned on her. I think I’ll figure out who the masterminds are by reading the messages in the historic ruins.” (Akane)

“Please act with caution. Now then, let’s inform the citizens of Sphereart about your, Finn’s, and Iris’ departure.

Outwardly, Finn and Iris will be training, and Sasha will be their escort.” (Eleanor)

“Well, no one should complain now.” (Akane)

“Come, let us move to the declaration balcony.”

Being told so by Priest Moore and Archbishop Clinka, we moved to the balcony, and when I gazed at the town, everyone was observing us. It had been said beforehand that Eleanor-sama had something to declare, so there was a great number of people gathered in front of the Cathedral. When Eleanor-sama appeared on the balcony, a loud cheer erupted.

“Settle down, everyone. This time, we were able to emerge victorious

in the war against the evil tribes. However, the evil tribes will rampage elsewhere from now on, too. We must subjugate them all together. Therefore, I decided to make a big decision. I have decided to let Iris go on a trip to train.” (Eleanor)

That moment, an uproar came from the citizens.

“Eh—!” “It’s dangerous!” “She’s still a child, isn’t she.”

Many opinions such as those were spoken.

“Settle down! I’m sure everyone knows that Iris participated in the war. She is still 11, so I understand your concerns.

Therefore, S-class adventurer Sasha Falling [S:I hate this name, I remember the song “London bridge is falling down, falling down] will be accompanying them as an escort. Iris is also an adventurer who loves her older sister dearly, and everyone knows her strength. Also, should Sphereart fall into peril, Sasha has learned a magic that can teleport her here instantly.” (Eleanor)

When she said I was the escort, most of them were relieved. Then, Iris appeared before the citizens, too.

“Everyone, in this war, I discovered my weakness. If Sasha-onee-sama had not followed me, I would have run out of magical power midway. I want to become strong enough to protect the people of Sphereart. I won’t be able to pray for a while, but I will get stronger and come back without fail. Please wait for me until then.” (Iris) The citizens seemed to be convinced, as:

“Iris-sama~, do your best~!” “We’ll be waiting for you~!” “Sasha, we leave Iris-sama to you~!”

Many cries of encouragement were sent our way.

———The declaration now over, Eleanor-sama, Archbishop Clinka, Priest Moore, and us moved to the front of the Cathedral. All the knights, the servants that took care of us in the Cathedral, the tool shop owner Baron-san, the doctor Muska-san, the blacksmith Dolk-san, Irumi-san, and many other people we’d helped were there.

“””Iris-sama~! Be careful~!”””

Those cries of encouragement were nice, but...

“””Sasha-sama~, be careful~. Take good care of Iris.”””

As I was in the same position as Iris for form's sake, the large number of people there attached “-sama” to my name.

Hmm, I'm still not used to it.

“It's only been a week since I met you, Sasha. There has been many events this past week. Sasha, I sincerely ask you take good care of Iris and Princess Finn.” (Eleanor)

“Please leave it to me, Eleanor-sama. I will make both Finn and Iris strong without fail.” (Akane)

“I will become as strong as Onee-sama.” (Iris)

“Iris-sama, becoming stronger is fine, but make sure to do it in moderation without rushing. Don't destroy your body.”

(Clinka)

“Okay!” (Iris)

When Iris said “as Onee-sama”, Archbishop Clinka looked this way. My level of strength doesn't need to be implied, you know.

“Iris-sama, the rest of the world will be very different from the Thelmia Kingdom. Checking it out with your own eyes will be good. Be careful!” (Moore)

“I will, Moore-sama. Well then, let's go, everyone!” (Iris)

Everyone waved their hands until we vanished from sight.

The days I spent at Sphereart passed in the blink of an eye. But, I had a lot of fun.

Our next destination: Billbrem, the 2nd town in the Galdia Empire. I wonder how it will be there.

I'm looking forward to it!

Chapter 6

A Forgotten Something

We were now a little way away from the entrance to the Thelmia Kingdom's royal capital.

“Master, 『Transfer』 sure is amazing. We arrived at the royal capital instantly!” (Finn)

“Onee-sama, is this 『Transfer』 ? I've heard of it before, but it's incredible!” (Iris) Come to think of it, this is the first time I've used 『Transfer』 with the two of them, huh.

“I was careless. I bet the money I stole from the Galum Gang in the auction. It should be over now, so I'll have to get the money from Claude-san. Come on, let's go, you two.” (Akane)

When we arrived at the entrance to the royal capital, we first met the guard. After he greeted me, I was asked various things about Sphereart. I only gave him innocuous information for now. Once we entered the town, Iris was looking around restlessly at things here and there. Hmm, she was a child and therefore typically easy to kidnap. Well, I didn't think they'd aim for a child.

“Iris, you don't have to look around so restlessly. You've come here several times before, haven't you?” (Akane)

“Uuu—. There were times, but I came as a Saint, so I didn't go sightseeing all too often. I was mostly inside the royal palace. Finn-ane, have you come here?” (Iris)

“Mhm, I have. I came once as a Princess, though, and back then I was like you—packed inside the royal palace most of the time.” (Finn)

What? You've come once to the Thelmia Kingdom's royal capital, Finn?

“What do you mean by ‘as a Princess?’” (Iris)

“After being saved from the Galum Gang, I stayed for a few days with Master as just ‘Finn’. Ahhh, it was so fuuun. I just can't get the taste of that fried chicken stuff off my mind.” (Finn)

“F-Fried chicken...it’s too delicious. I want to eat it now.” (Iris)

Fufu, looks like she really loves it. It’s been nearly two weeks since then, so there might be some changes. After we get the money from Claude-san, we should go to Gale-san’s inn.

“*Sniff sniff*. Master, the smell of fried chicken is coming from that stall over there.” (Finn)

“Ooh, impressive.” (Akane)

The stall we approached was selling fried chicken. Woah, looking closer, there are things I haven’t taught them yet.

They’re starting to learn!

“Two portions of fried chicken, please.” (Akane)

“Comin’ right up!”

“So, how are the sales for fried chicken going?” (Akane)

“Hmm? It’s really thriving. The adventurers especially are buying it in large quantities.”

He had a huge smile on his face. That’s good, making it was worthwhile, then.

“Hey, is this a hash brown?” (Akane)

“Yeah, that’s right. The Saint Mika-sama came up with it. It’s pretty darn good, too.”

Mika- *sama*! I get that she’s the Saint and all, but it doesn’t fit her.

Finn and Iris stared fixedly at the hash browns.

“Could I have three portions of hash browns, too, please.” (Akane)

“You got it!”

When I looked at the two, their smiles were soaring.

The fried chicken and hash browns were completed, and we ate them immediately.

“Mmmm—, Finn-ane, the hash browns are so good!” (Iris)

“Mhm, it’s super good! The taste is different from the fried chicken!”
(Finn) Hmm, if we had ketchup or mayo here, it’d be even better. Oh, that’s a great idea! Since I came here, might as well teach Gale-san how to make ketchup and mayo. I’ll need to buy some ingredients.

“Onee-sama, what is it?” (Iris)

“I remembered seasonings that make it at least two times tastier. I was thinking about teaching it to Gale-san, you see.”

(Akane)

The moment I said that, the color of their eyes changed.

“M-Master, this alone is plenty delicious, yet you mean to tell us there’s seasonings that make it at least 2 times tastier!”

(Finn)

“O-Onee-sama, I want to eat it right away.” (Iris)

Y-You two, just how gluttonous are you!

“Calm down. We’re going to Claude-san before that. Look, we can see the adventurer’s guild now, it’ll be over quick as can be. Please wait until then.” (Akane)

“”Okay!”” (Finn + Iris)

When we entered the guild, Claude-san and Karen-san were there.

“Oh, it’s been a while, Sasha. You have an unfamiliar child, too.”
(Karen)

“She’s Eris, my new ally.” (Akane)

“I’m Eris. Pleased to meet you.” (Iris)

The adventurers, including Karen-san and Claude-san, all smiled.

“Nice to meet you, Eris. You’re here for the auction I imagine, Sasha. The Guild Head should be free today.” (Karen)

“Oi, Karen, don’t just go and tell her that. Well, I guess it is true. Come to my room, I’ll give it to you there.” (Claude) I had Finn and Iris wait on the first floor.

Once I entered Claude-san's room and sat down on the couch, we got down to business immediately.

"Thanks to you, it was a great success. Quite a bit was sold. The total amount of money you'll receive is about 10

platinum coins. There were quite a bit of gems in there, you see. The gem dealer was very pleased. Furthermore, I heard you did this and that in Sphereart. When Marcus and I heard about it from Eleanor-sama, we were shocked. All of the new technology was transmitted to us just a lil' bit ago. It'll be huge in the royal capital, too. Oh, and only me, Marcus, and His Majesty know that you were the developer, so rest assured." (Claude)

"Ahaha, so Eleanor-sama told you all about it, did she? Well, I suppose it was inevitable. I had no clue all of it was the first in the world. I just made it thinking 《It'd sure be nice if we had something like this》 completely unaware. Seriously, I was so shocked when I heard it all was the first in the world. I didn't want to stand out, so I dispersed the role of developer to others." (Akane)

"Youuuu! Don't just go making things that researchers across the world are stressing over like it's nothing. And, it seems you've done this and that to magic, too. Well, we were able to win the war 'cause of it, so I guess that's fine." (Claude) Hmm, maybe I *did* do a bit too much. The magic part couldn't be helped, though. We wouldn't have won if I hadn't taught it.

"And, the summoned were interested in you. Especially the Hero." (Claude)

Oh, were they now? That makes me happy. ...Hmm? They're interested in *Sasha*, so I have mixed feelings about this.

"The summoned? Meeting them is something for the far future, though. I'm interested in the Hero and Saint, too. My strong helpers should be meeting them right about now, so I think I can travel with peace of mind." (Akane)

"I see, so you've gotten to know Bahn-san and them?" (Claude)

"Yes, I taught Bahn-san and Rifia-san 『Magical Power Cladding』 and a few other strong magics, so I imagine the Hero and his party will grow even stronger." (Akane)

"That so? I have something I want to confirm. Are you a reincarnator,

Sasha? After speaking with the Hero and his party, we came to that one conclusion.” (Claude)

“Yep, I’m a reincarnator.” (Akane)

“...Well you sure admitted to that readily.” (Claude)

“I wasn’t exactly keeping it a secret, and if asked I planned on answering. There might be others. But, I think it’s rare for a person to have all of their memories remain like me.” (Akane)

Well, once you did this much, I’m pretty sure everyone would catch on.

“I see, thanks. So your strength is probably because you’re a reincarnator, hmm? Since you’re a reincarnator, you probably received some kind of unique skill, or so the Hero and Saint said.” (Claude)

“I won’t be answering that one~.” (Akane)

《Knock Knock》

“Who is it?” (Claude)

“It’s Karen. Guild Head, just how long will you talk to her! Please hurry up and finish.” (Karen)

“What? Is there an urgent matter?” (Claude)

“Yes, I want Sasha-san to make the seasoning that will make fried chicken and hash browns twice as delicious. The adventurers below are waiting, too.” (Karen)

“Haah?” (Claude)

“Claude-san, my other purpose for coming to the royal capital is that.” (Akane)

“Youuuuu! I hope you don’t cause another uproar.” (Claude)

“Pardon me. It would appear Finn and Eris spoke about it.” (Akane)

When we went back down to the 1st floor, the adventurers all raised shouts of joy. I looked at Finn and Iris and silently mouthed **【punishment later】**. Their faces grew pale, so I guess they understood what I meant.

After this, Gale-san's inn appeared to be super busy, so I ended up unable to stay there. As a result of consulting with Karen-san, I would be making it on the 1st floor of the guild. Once I bought the ingredients for ketchup and mayonnaise as well as ingredients for fried chicken and hash browns, I cleaned the floor with all of the adventurers. In the end, I went to Claude-san's room on the second floor and was now in the middle of resting.

"Finn, come here for a minute." (Akane)

"O-Okay. Are you—going to do *that*?" (Finn)

First, a grinding attack on Finn!

"Of course I am—!! Do you know how much trouble you two caused me—!!" (Akane)

"Gyeee!! I'm sorryyyyyyy!!" (Finn)

One minute later, Finn collapsed whilst convulsing, repeating "I'm sorry" like a broken record. Claude-san and Karen-san, watching from the side, had gone pale.

"Hey, Sasha, y-you...you won't go that far, right?" (Karen)

"Y-Yeah, I think so, too. Even though it was just Iris, if you could forgive them..." (Claude)

"No way! We caused you trouble, so you have to teach us that by harsh punishment. Isn't that right, E-r-i-s~?" (Finn) Spot on idea. Now then, next I have to do it to Iris!!!

"O-O-Okay. *Gwaaahh*—! I'm sorrrrrrrrryyy!" (Iris)

One minute later, she ended up just like Finn.

"Now then, let's make some ketchup and mayonnaise, shall we!" (Akane)

"Eh!? We're leaving them!? But they're still collapsed and muttering incoherently." (Karen)

"They'll heal if we leave them alone." (Akane)

I didn't miss Claude-san whispering off to the side of us (Let's not anger Sasha).

“Please help as well, Claude-san!” (Akane)

“G-Got it, I’ll help!” (Claude)

Haah, why in the world do I have to make this much ketchup and mayonnaise...

“We’re finished—!” (Akane)

“We’re finally done? With how much we made...it was so hard.”
(Claude)

“*Uuu*, I’m sorry, Master. I had no idea it was that hard.” (Finn)

“I’m sorry, Onee-sama.” (Iris)

“From now on, refrain from speaking carelessly.” (Akane)

“”Okay!”” (Finn + Iris)

“Now, let’s go down to the first floor and make a bunch of dishes!”
(Akane) Today, there was a big feast in the guild. Naturally, me working alone would be tough, so I had Karen-san, Iris, and Finn switch out with me to help. However, when I switched out with them, they all swarmed to cook with demonic speed. As for the main seasonings, both ketchup and mayonnaise were very popular, and people broke up into two groups: the

“Ketchup Faction” and the “Mayonnaise Faction”. I warned them just in case, but I hope everyone doesn’t grow fat. I taught the recipe to Karen-san only. Whether or not it sells is up to you, Karen-san.

By the way, I paid for all the expenses.

Chapter 7

Departing This Time For Real—To Billbrem in the Galdia Empire

In the end, yesterday Karen-san let us stay at her house. The men were sleeping in the Adventurer's Guild, so naturally, it would be bad for the women to stay there. Also, before the party, I handed Claude-san a ring with 『Item Box』 on it. All the office equipment was put into the ring, so there was no need to worry about theft. When we returned in the morning with Karen-san, perhaps due to the help of the adventurers, the office equipment had been neatly put back in place. You're quite smart, Claude-san.

“Good morning, Claude-san.” (Akane)

“Good morning, Guild Head. Oh my, how strange; did you return them to where they belong, all by yourself?” (Karen)

“It's all thanks to the magic tool I got from Sasha. This thing's way too convenient. It took us barely 15 minutes.”

(Claude)

“Eh, 15 minutes!? Thank you, Sasha. Is it all right for you to donate such an expensive magic tool to the guild?” (Karen)

I couldn't exactly say 【Ahaha, I apologize for all the trouble I caused yesterday】 , so:

“Yes, I think it will be helpful in fights in the future, so please use it. But, it's better if Claude-san is the one to hold onto it. If it was someone else, there's always the chance they'll be dragged into something troublesome, anti-theft protection or not.” (Akane)

“Yeah, I'll hold onto this. This magic tool can be used way more than I expected! So, where are you going next, Sasha?”

(Claude)

“The second city of the Galdia Empire, Billbrem.” (Akane)

“The Galdia Empire, hmm? Be careful out there. Though it's not at the scope of a civil war, there seems to be many affairs happening within. Since you're...well, you, I'm sure you'll get dragged into it. Protect

Finn and Eris.” (Claude) Me getting dragged into it is a determined fact? ...I have mixed feelings over that.

“Yes, I’ll act in moderation. The world’s first shall be no more.”
(Akane)

“Please do that. Your guild rank is reset once in that country, and that country is all for ‘might makes right’. On top of that, discrimination is intense there. If you’re a commoner with some strength, they’ll definitely have their eyes set on you. Please take good care of Finn and Iris.” (Claude)

“Yeah, please leave it to me.” (Akane)

Thus, this time for real, we set off for the Galdia Empire.

Currently, we were flying towards the second city of the Galdia Empire—Billbrem. Finn and Iris were on the Griffon, and I was on the Unicorn. Next, I summoned the Lich, too. Thanks to the modifications I had done, the Griffon and Unicorn were now able to speak like the Lich. I only just found this out recently, but the Griffon was a female.

“Sasha-sama, how does riding on me feel?”

“It feels great. How does your body feel, Unicorn?” (Akane)

“The best! Strength is overflowing from it. I’d like to try it out on some expendable person or evil tribe.”

Here, the Griffon also joined in on the conversation

“I want to try out this new power as well. Someone expendable, please show up~.”

“Do not cause trouble to our Lord. I, too, yearn to try out my power, but I am enduring.”

It looks like the Lich is getting used to being the head in command. What a reassuring ally he was.

“Onee-sama, these three somehow all feel fundamentally different from evil tribes. The strength I sense feels like that of the Holy attribute.” (Iris)

“I think so too. If they were still evil tribes, wouldn’t the resulting grudge from when they killed humans go to the Evil King?” (Finn)

Seems the two have them have properly noticed.

“You don’t have to worry about that. That’s why I remodeled them. First, I converted the Lich’s bones themselves into another metal with magic. The metal I converted it into was orichalcum. There was a lot of power stored inside his bones, so doing so was simple.” (Akane)

For some reason, everyone was making troubled faces.

“My Lord, no matter how high the power of Evil God-sama is, that is no easy feat. It is possible due to the 『Material Conversion』 skill which emerged due to Evil God-sama evolving the 『Alchemy』 skill. This is something that can only be used by you, my Lord!” (Lich)

That so? Well, since I had this 『Material Conversion』 skill, the orichalcum sword that Sphere made and the orichalcum (lump) were currently being converted into a new metal of my choosing.

“It’s best I don’t use it so readily, then. Gotta be careful. Ah, how about I talk about your bodies? Due to the remodeling, you are no longer evil tribes. In race-terms, you are now 【Divine Beasts】. Ah, but you’re a 【Divine Familiar】 , Lich.

The Nihility attribute has been added to your bodies, so even if you are to kill a human or evil tribe, all that comes from them will be brought to nothing. However, Nihility Magic is dangerous, so you cannot use it.” (Akane)

“Divine Beasts, Divine Familiars...Master, you’re already approaching the realm of gods.” (Finn)

“I feel like you could win with ease against the Goddess Saria and the masterminds, Onee-sama.” (Iris) Let’s get stronger so I really *can* win with ease. I might as well aim to become as strong as 150 million like in that anime.

“Hm? Sasha-sama, a carriage is being chased by a group of people on the ground. There are 2 people inside the carriage, around 5 escorts, and about 20 people in the group. What should we do?”

Informed by the Unicorn, I looked down, and sure enough, they were being chased. The people around the carriage didn’t feel malicious. Rather, the group was the one I felt strong maliciousness from. Hmm, guess it can’t be helped; maybe I should save them? ...That said, I want to refrain from standing out myself, so how about I let one of the three of them go?

“Lich, Griffon, Unicorn. I’m sure you feel the maliciousness as well. Annihilate that hostile group on the ground. But only one of you can go. Decide it with a fair game of rock paper scissors.” (Akane)

“””Yeaaaaah!!!”””

“Lich or not, I’m going to win!”

“I want to test out my power too! There’s no way I’ll lose!”

“The same goes for me. Bring it, Griffon, Unicorn!”

“””Rock... Paper... Scissors!”””

At any rate, the image of 3 former evil tribes playing rock paper scissors was quite a sight.

As a result of them playing rock paper scissors with magical power-constructed hands, the winner was——the Lich.

“Yes! My victory!” “””This can’t be——”””

“I’ll leave it to you then, Lich. Just in case, don’t crush their faces. I imagine the people within the carriage want proof.”

(Akane)

“Of course! As you wish.”

The Lich dropped to the ground.

《THUUUUD》

Ah, there goes one.

“Nice one, Lich~.” (Akane)

“Sasha-sama, if another opportunity arises, please leave it to us. We shall not cause trouble to you by having you do it yourself.”

“At that time, I’ll leave it to you then. Griffon, Unicorn.” (Akane)

○○○ Lich’s Point of View

My Lord possesses something that cannot be expressed in a few words. When we first met, I felt a mysterious strength...and nostalgia for

some reason, so I hesitated in appearing from the summoning circle. Then, my Lord tried to crush me with just her 『Overpower』. She was serious then. Had I been even a little late in showing myself, I'm sure I would've died. I felt something captivating the moment I laid eyes on my Lord. My loyalty to Evil God-sama disappeared before I knew it, and I swore loyalty to my new Lord, Sasha-sama. I occasionally got to see my Lord via the summoning circle, but her presence resembled Evil God-sama for some reason. But that was all that resembled him; her strength and all her values were way above Evil God-sama's. When I was summoned for the 2nd time and heard about her circumstances, I was so shocked I couldn't even stand up—but I wasn't the only one; the Griffon and Unicorn, similarly summoned like me, were like that as well. Because she had eaten Evil God-sama, his strength and abilities had become her own.

And then, we were remodeled when we were summoned this time. Our races changed from evil tribes to Divine Beasts and Divine Familiar. Evil God-sama or not, one could not remodel an evil tribe easily once created; it took a large amount of evil power to do so. Yet my Lord succeeded with ease. My entire body was now made of Orichalcum, which made my power rise to nearly 4x what it was before. Even though my power had risen this much, though, it seemed like I had yet to reach even a thousandth of my Lord's. Honestly, it's unbelievable. In all aspects such as strength and ability, she has surpassed Evil God-sama and the Goddess Sphere. Even when I communicated such to my Lord:

“I have yet to completely master it. I need to train more.” (Akane)

My open mouth would not shut; at this point, not only was she not satisfied with the sufficient strength she had—she was seeking even *more*. The Griffon, Unicorn, and I recognized her as our Lord on the spot and swore even more loyalty to her. And now, that loyalty was being tested. You humans with malicious intent, perish here for my Lord!

When I arrived from the sky, one person had already died. Ah, did I crush him? Well, no matter. When I looked at my surroundings, everyone was shocked. Oh? They might look like bandits, but they're clearly knights. Are the people around the carriage real knights, then?

“A Lich just...fell from the sky.... Do you want to kill His Royal Highness so bad you'd even go so far as to employ a Lich!”

“Eh? W-Why did that Lich just fall from the sky? I never heard of this?”

Does the First Prince have a Lich on his side?”

Hmm. Looks like everyone’s confused.

【Listen well, humans with malicious intent! By the command of my Lord, I shall have you die.】

Hmm? Someone’s coming before me. Hoh, quite some power he has. This guy must be the strongest.

“Never thought you’d employ a Lich. But, you miscalculated. My strength is boasted of in the Galdia Empire!”

【Silence!】 《Slice》

These sorts of people, always on and on with the words. I decapitated him by using my hand as a sword. Hmph, how frail!

But, this level of response.... This should be S-class, shouldn’t it?

“No way! S-class Dante-sama was killed in a single blow. Damn it all! Everyone, get him!”

Oh? They’re not running away but attacking me all together? Their force is the only admirable thing about them.

《Clang》 《Crack》 《Clang》

“Why! Shouldn’t Liches be vulnerable to physical attacks! It breaking our swords should be impossible! Gr, everyone, retreat—!”

Hmm, Flame Attribute Magic? Yes, it does possess great power. It might’ve done some damage to me before.

【How weak. Can you only use such a weak level of magic? This is how Flame Magic really loo—ah, no good no good, my Lord said to leave their faces intact. They’d be naught but cinders should I use Flame Magic. Hmm, then perhaps I should consign them to oblivion with Wind Magic.】

“T-This can’t be! It took the highest level of magic, and not a single scratch! What gives!”

【Perish quickly. 『Whirlwind Cut』】

Hmm, this should be all the malicious people. Their upper bodies were now separated from their lower bodies; they all died. When I turned

around, the guards were pointing their swords at me.

【At ease. You lot will live. The orders I received pertained only to those with malicious intent.】

When I tried to rise into the sky...

“Please wait.”

“Your Highness, please do not come out! You will be killed.”

“It’s fine. That Lich can be talked to.”

Hoh? The man exiting the carriage certainly has the qualifications to be a king or emperor. His hair was black—rare for this world, his face was gallant, and he looked to be in his 20s. Should this person succeed the throne, the Galdia Empire would surely amass even more power.

“Forgive my slow introduction. I am the First Prince of the Galdia Empire, Keith Galdia. I humbly thank you for assisting me in this predicament. If possible, I would like to meet your Lord.”

【I decline. There is no need for you to meet my Lord.】

Hmm? This “Keith” wasn’t perturbed in the slightest.

“I understand. Then, could you please give my thanks to the beautiful woman up in the sky?”

【Hoh, you have 『Long Range Sight』, hmm? Very well, I will do so. Keith Galdia, was it? I’ll commit it to memory.】

Keith Galdia, huh? What an interesting guy. Let’s go tell my Lord.

Flying into the sky, I returned to my Lord Sasha.

Things are getting interesting, hmm~.

I’m very sorry for the long absence. I’ve been really busy and Upsilon hasn’t had time to edit (and is also temporarily in an area with very bad internet), so uh...yeah. Again, sorry.

If you guys notice anything wrong, please let me know!

Chapter 8

Fighting Competition

One guy came out from the bandit group. In terms of power, I guess he's about S-class. I think he'd at least have a good match against the Lich as he was before.

"Space Magic really is convenient. We can see the ground from here."
(Iris)

"Well, it's possible to get in contact with countries using Space Magic, so something like this is simple." (Akane)

Ah, the Lich decapitated him even though he was in the midst of talking.

"Fuee! I feel kind of bad for him. Being killed while introducing yourself is..." (Finn)

"I bet the Lich thought he was annoying. I mean, 'S-class of the Galdia Empire'? How foolish! If his opponent was a human then maybe, but I see no point in introducing yourself when your opponent's a Lich. He must've been very confident in his strength. Haahh, Griffon, Unicorn, people like this are just half-baked, so talking with them is pointless. If you run into them, you can just quickly get rid of them." (Akane)

"Understood!"

"Onee-sama, the decapitated guy... was S-class, right?" (Iris)

Oh, it's over. Yep, someone exited from the carriage. Hm? He looked this way and turned red. He's completely aware of me, hmm? Appraisal told me his name was Keith Galdia, he was the Second Prince¹, and he possessed the skill 『Long Range Sight』. 『Long Range Sight』 made you able to see things/people in the distance depending on your magical power. Well, we were seen, but I guess it's fine. Though, it looks like what Claude-san said was completely on the mark.

Ah, the Lich is back.

"Thank you for waiting. The S-class in the Galdia Empire aren't all

that it seems. Though, there was one person that interested me.”

“Keith Galdia, right?” (Akane)

“Yes, if he becomes the Emperor of the Galdia Empire, it will flourish more and more.”

“Definitely. But, there are some who don’t like that. It looks like we’ll get dragged into something interesting in this country as well. Griffon, Unicorn, your turn may be coming up soon. Now then, let’s depart for Billbrem.” (Akane) Keith’s party, who we saved, kept staring at us as we flew towards Billbrem.

The time was 17:00—perhaps we should rest in that city over there for today?

“City located. This is all for today’s travel. Griffon, Unicorn, take us down over there.” (Akane)

“”Got it!””

Upon landing on the ground, they looked at us regretfully.

“I will summon you at eight in the morning tomorrow. You’re free to do whatever until then. Though, no killing harmless humans. If you happen to attack someone evil, leave the strongest one alive. Interrogate them about their base and then get rid of them. And, if their base happens to be a mountain and not a town, let me know.” (Akane)

“””A-As you wish!”””

“My Lord, may I ask something?”

“What is it?” (Akane)

“Can we subjugate any evil tribes we run into?”

“Absolutely. I’ll make very delicious dishes out of the evil tribes you subjugate, though it depends on the evil tribe.”

(Akane)

“””””Really!”””””

For some reason, Finn and Iris leaned forward in excitement as well.

“Y-Yeah, but there is a chance we will be lodging outside sometimes. Are you okay with that, Finn, Iris?” (Akane)

“”We don’t mind at all!””

“All right! Sasha’s cooking is the best, so let’s catch them all, Unicorn!”

“Yeah!”

“Lich, you’ll have no problem storing them with the space magic 『Item Box』. Well then, meeting adjourned.” (Akane) The familiars went out to search for evil tribes at once.

“I wonder what Master will be cooking this time. I’m looking forward to it, Eris!”

“Me too!”

The city was quite lively. I didn’t need to stock up on seasonings and food supplies as I had bought them at Spherert, but there was a chance there were some ingredients I hadn’t heard of. Might as well give it a look.

“Fried chicken hasn’t spread out to this area, it seems. How unfortunate.”

“Finn-ane, they’re grilling something at that stall over there. Let’s check it out.”

You guys are really into fried chicken, huh? Oh, are those skewers I see...?

“Excuse me, what is this food?” asked Iris, excitedly.

“This is grilled bird. The grilled meat of the rock birds that live nearby. It’s pretty good, how ’bout it?”

“Two portions, please. Here’s the money.” (Iris)

It was Iris’ first time shopping. I had given Finn and Iris some spending money so they could do a little shopping.

“Ooh! Finn-ane, Onee-sama, it’s delicious! The sweetness is perfect!” (Iris)

“This is delicious, Master. It tastes good in a different way from the fried chicken.” (Finn) Is it now? I ordered some and ate it too, but they were right; it was delicious. The sauce was close to what was used for yakitori.

“Haha, I appreciate it. Are you girls going to see the Billbrem Fighting Competition?”

Fighting Competition? What’s that?

“We wanted to explore the dungeons near Billbrem, but the Fighting Competition sounds interesting, too. What divisions are there?”

(Akane)

“There are three of them: Weapons, Magic, and Summons. They’re all worth a look! If I remember correctly, it will be held in eleven days. But, be careful. There are many high rank dungeons around Billbrem. You don’t want to enter one by mistake.”

“Thanks for the warning. We’ll watch the Fighting Competition, too.” (Akane) I thanked him and walked away from the stall, then sat down on a bench in the plaza.

“A Fighting Competition, huh? That sounds fun. Finn, Eris, there’s a few ways the evil tribes can enter it without being detected. They didn’t use it in Sphereart, but it’s likely they’ll use it this time. The evil tribes will definitely sneak into the Fighting Competition and try to do something.” (Akane)

“Eeehhh, really, Onee-sama! But why didn’t they use it in Sphereart then?” (Iris)

“Maybe they thought brainwashing would be enough, or they just didn’t think of it.” (Akane)

“Master, could I participate in the Fighting Competition as I am now?” (Finn)

“Yep. If you use 『Magical Power Cladding』, you might be able to participate in the main events. Without it, you’ll definitely be wiped out in the preliminaries.” (Akane)

“Oh! Wiped out in the preliminaries, huh? That’s a bit shocking.” (Finn)

“Well, your abilities are currently about C-rank level, so that’s only

natural. But, we won't be competing no matter what.

We can't show our strength when the evil tribes are watching.”
(Akane)

“If you participate, you'll win any category you entered for sure.”
(Iris)

“Good point. Her victory would be decided the moment she entered, so it wouldn't be interesting.” (Finn) No, that's... well, I mean, you're not wrong.

After that, we gathered information about Billbrem, ate dinner, and after finding a decent inn, summarized the information in the room.

1) Fighting is popular in this city, and there are matches held every day in three arenas.

2) In Billbrem, there is another ranking system in addition to the one in the Adventurer's Guild. It is known as Competition Ranking, and is part of the Competition Guild. After registering at the arena, you can participate in matches.

Win, and your rank will rise.

3) There are three categories in the Competition Guild: Weapons, Magic, and Summons. They are ranked S to F, the same as the Adventurer's Guild.

4) In the Galdia Empire, both your Adventurer Rank and Competition Rank are held in high regard. To sum it up, Adventurer Rank was for against evil tribes, and Competition Rank was for against people.

5) Once a year, a national competition was held, and the winners were given Orichalcum as a prize and the special title of

【Competition Dominator】 as an extra prize. It was equivalent to the Marquis rank of nobility.

“Master, this competition system has also been put into practice in Rhedenburg and Arteheim. As you know, there have been wars between the races in the past, so it remains even now as a competition for people. Currently, the only countries that have yet to put this system into place are the Thelmia Kingdom and the Sylphie Kingdom.” (Finn)

"I see. So the countries using the system are probably always thinking about the future. On the other hand, the ones that don't probably abolished it, as dangerous as that may be, in favor of getting rid of wars between races." (Akane)

"I disagree with the competition system. What do you think, Onee-sama?" (Iris)

"I think it's better to have the system. Not for wars, but at least for self defense. After the Evil King is defeated, a period of peace happens. But, something important is forgotten by them as time passes."
(Akane) Finn and Iris titled their heads.

"Something important? What do you mean?" (Finn)

"——A sense of danger." (Akane)

"Sense of Danger?"

"A sense of danger—in skill terms, it would be Danger Sense. Currently, no one knows when the evil tribes will attack, so many people are ready to escape whenever. When the Evil King is defeated, there will be nothing to threaten them, so they'll start to relax. And, when peace lasts for many years, evil tribes and wars will become forgotten, and people will lose their sense of danger. Evil people begin to accumulate. They attack unprepared villages and towns, trying to make them theirs. In fact, even though there wasn't a single war between races in the past five hundred years, thieves attacked villages and towns. Once the Evil King is defeated, those guys will build up their power behind the scenes. So, I agree with the competition system if only for making people stay aware of danger. I think the Thelmia Kingdom and Sylphie

Kingdom should make a system different from the competition system, but one that still makes people keep a sense of danger." (Akane)

"Ooh! You're amazing, Onee-sama. So there's no need to implement the current competition system... Then we should make a system that makes sure no one forgets about a sense of danger!" (Iris)

"That's Master for you. And here I thought we should leave it because it was interest- *gah!*" (Finn) I chopped Finn's head.

"Finn, as the princess of a country, you shouldn't think like that. Think more in depth."

“Yes ma’am. I’m sorry.”

I didn’t tell the two, but I thought the peace would last about ten to twenty years after the Evil King vanished for good.

But, since the fight against the Evil King has weathered, a war between races may occur again. I felt the Galdia Empire in particular was a prime suspect for that. The future would diverge greatly depending on who became the emperor now.

Once the conversation about the Fighting Competition quieted down, I decided to go to bed.

Tomorrow, we would finally explore Billbrem.

Chapter 55: Noble Bring Karto attack

The next morning, after leaving the town, I summoned the Lich, Griffin, and Unicorn. All three of them appeared with smiles on their faces.

"Sasha-sama~! We defeated many evil tribe!" said the Griffin cheerfully.

"Griffin, calm down. We defeated about 50 of them with the three of us," replied the Lich.

"Master, apart from that, we found some thieves. We encountered them near the foothills of the mountain in the direction where Keith Gardia was. It seemed to be close to the thieves' hideout, so evil humans kept appearing one after another.

We defeated them all. We found two individuals who seemed to be the leaders, so we brought them along. These are them," explained the Lich.

So, they are related to Keith Gardia, huh? Looking at the knight, he seems to have had a rough time. His eyes look somewhat vacant.

"Does he telling the truth about what you did?" I asked the knight.

"Yes, it's true. Under Minister Gazelle's orders, we attempted to assassinate Prince Keith," he replied.

"Master, what should we do with them? Shall we kill them?" the Lich asked.

Ugh, it's troublesome, but I should hand them over to Prince Keith.

"Lich, you still remember Prince Keith's magic, right?"

"Yes, of course."

"Then, bring these two to Prince Keith. Also, guide him to his destination. He will lead the Gardia Empire to prosperity in a positive way. And for a while, protect him. With that magic of yours, protecting him will be easier. As for my cooking, if you can, send it to him. I'll make something incredibly delicious."

Upon hearing that, the Lich's face grinned. It's strange how you can tell, even though it's a skeleton.

"Th-thank you very much. We will leave right away. You two, let's go!" The Lich grabbed the two thieves by their necks and flew away.

"Master, do you know Prince Keith's personality even though you haven't talked to him?"

"Mostly, yes. And also, it's just a gut feeling. Ever since becoming a deity, it seems that sort of thing works. Have you ever spoken to him, Finn?"

"Yes, a few times. He's a very kind and gentle person, but strict at times."

I see, just as I expected.

"Oh, by the way, Unicorn, were there any slaves or people treated as such at the thieves' hideout? And were there any valuables?"

"We didn't find any slaves, but there were quite a few valuables. They are stored in the Lich's item box."

That's good then. Alright, we'll head to Billbrem. During lunchtime, I'll make plenty of food for everyone.

"Yay!"

But really, even though we've just entered the Gardia Empire, we're already getting involved in troublesome matters.

There might be some unexpected events even when we arrive in Billbrem.

Currently, it's lunch break. At the request of the Lich, Griffin, and Unicorn, I am in the middle of preparing Rockbird Karaage.

"Miss, your cooking method is too extravagant."

"There's no other way. If I were to cook for these big creatures, it's faster to do it in midair than setting up a table and cooking on it."

"But still, you're too skillful, Master. Not everyone can cook by floating everything they need, like knives and seasonings."

"With spatial magic 'Telekinesis' and high magic manipulation, anyone can do it."

Alright, the preparation is done. Now, I just need to fry them. Griffin and Unicorn are getting impatient, saying, "Is it ready yet? Is it ready yet?" Just hold on a little longer.

"Unicorn, I want to eat it already!"

"Calm down!"

"Even Unicorn is trembling with impatience."

"Guh!"

Alright, it's done!

"Lich, Griffin, Unicorn, it's ready. Rockbird Karaage and salad. There's quite a lot, can you handle it?"

"We're totally fine!"

They started eating with tremendous enthusiasm.

"Wow, this is delicious! What is this? I've never tasted anything this good."

"This flavor... It's the first time I've experienced something like this!"

Such high praise, that's good. I should send some to Lich too. I activate the summoning circle for the Lich and let him know:

[Lich, the food is ready. There's quite a lot, but can I send some over to you?]

[There are Keith and the others next to me, but it's no problem.]

[Understood.-----Alright, I've sent it, did you receive it?]

There was a short pause. He must be eating.

[Whoa, th-this is Rockbird Karaage! What a delicious flavor. Thank you very much. It's the best taste I've ever had in my life.]

[I'm glad you liked it. I'll send some more when I cook again.]

[Really! Thank you very much.]

After ending the communication, Finn and Iris were looking at us. I guess I'll have to cook for them next time!

-----Lunch finished. Everyone is lying down on the grass.

"Sasha-sama, I'm sorry. I can't fly for a while. I ate too much. *burp*"

"Sasha-sama~ my stomach hurts. Please wait a little longer."

"It's okay. Both of them are in the same state, so let's take a break for a while."

Ah, I probably made too much. They all got carried away and ate without thinking. The Rockbird Karaage was indeed delicious. It had an exquisite sweetness without being overwhelming. It didn't burden my stomach at all. I also ate a little too much, so let's take a rest for now.

"Hmm, what's that? It's flying towards us. It seems like an evil tribe, a Chimera (A-Class), and the cage is fixed on top of it."

"Oh, master, that's a Chimera. Shall I go and subdue it?"

"Unicorn, wait a moment. Someone is riding on it, so let's leave it be."

I thought it would pass by, but for some reason, it landed here. Ugh, it's one of those times when nothing good happens.

The Chimera landed, and someone came down from the basket. Two people, one of them a respectable male noble in his 50s with a beard, and the other one a bodyguard, perhaps. The owner of the Chimera might be this bodyguard. They're wearing masks, so I can't tell their faces or genders, but they are S-Class, I guess.

"I am someone called Bring Karto. It's quite unusual to find a Griffin and a Unicorn in a place like this. Are they your summoned beasts?"

"Yes, they are. What about it?"

"Hmm, would you be willing to hand over the Unicorn?"

"I refuse."

"Oh, you answered quickly. You don't seem to know who I am. How about ten star gold coins?"

"This Unicorn is a dear companion to me. I won't hand it over no matter what. I'd appreciate it if you could leave now."

"Hmph, a summoned beast is your companion? Slavery should be enough."

Gulp Slavery?!

"Guh..."

At that moment, Bring, the bodyguard, and the Chimera started trembling. It's because of the 'intimidation' I applied.

I said "Do you all want to die right here?"

"If you dare to call us slaves again, I'll obliterate you from this world."

When I released the 'intimidation,' Bring got angry.

"How dare you use 'intimidation' on me? I'll kill you right here! Attack!"

"Are you stupid? When I used 'intimidation,' you, the bodyguard, and even the Chimera were trembling. That means I can kill all of you instantly right here. If you're prepared to die, come at me."

"I won't tolerate such foolishness. This one is an S-class! Hey, just kill

them already, it's an order!"

This bodyguard and the Chimera seem to be bound by something. Could it be the mask? I see, they must be under some kind of curse. The bodyguard unsheathed his sword and instantly closed in on me. Oh, he can use space contraction.

Definitely S-Class.

Crack

Thanks to my 'Distortion Field,' the sword broke, but this time, he attacked with martial arts. His movements are quite skilled. I guess it's time to finish this.

"Dimension Blade!"

I bisected the bodyguard with 'Dimension Blade.' The mask cracked, and he collapsed on the spot. The 'Dimension Blade,'

a time-space magic, can sever all relationships specified by my mana. I chose to sever all relationships between Bring, the bodyguard, and the Chimera. By doing so, the Chimera also regained its sanity.

"This is ridiculous! To think you'd instantly kill an S-Class like him!"

"Be careful behind you. The Chimera has regained its sanity and is in a rage. It's trying to attack you."

"What?! Stop it!"

As Bring turned around, the Chimera's claws pierced through Bring's chest, and naturally, Bring lost his life.

"Ah~ that noble was such an idiot. If only he hadn't landed here, he would've been fine. Unicorn is lucky~ being called a precious companion, neither I nor Lich have been called that yet."

I wonder if Griffin is feeling jealous.

"Griffin and Lich are also precious companions."

"Yay! Thank you, Sasha-sama!"

"Sasha-sama, thank you for calling me a precious companion."

"Shall we continue our conversation now?"

Oh, I almost forgot about the Chimera.

"Chimera, wait a moment. 'Max Heal.' How's your condition now?"

"I've fully recovered. Thank you. My friend, Ariel, is he alright?"

Ariel? Is that the man who had the cursed mask?

"This should do it with 'Max Heal.' He was in quite a bad condition."

"It's all because of Bring. Ariel was once Bring's slave. He was trained since childhood and sent to dungeons, which made him much stronger than a regular S-Class. But two years ago, he was cursed with that mask, turning him into a puppet.

Although he retained some consciousness due to the mask, he became like a doll, treated as a slave, enduring humiliation.

Thank you for helping Ariel."

I see, that's what happened.

"When did you meet Ariel?"

"Ariel was summoned when he was ten years old. I was captivated by

the magical power I sensed from him at first sight, so I changed my master from the Demon King to Ariel. Since then, Ariel and I have been inseparable."

I see. Let's wait for Ariel to wake up then!

Chapter 56: The relationship between Ariel and Iris

Since coming to the Gardia Empire, there have been too many troubles. This is definitely related to my [Luck 100]. Luck can encompass various aspects like good luck, work luck, love luck, encounter luck, financial luck, bad luck, and more.

Perhaps all of these aspects are at 100. That's why I was able to meet Finn, Iris, Keith, and Ariel and rescue them. Oh, I should put the cage that on Bring and the Chimera in my item box. Ariel will likely be suspected first, but if there are no bodies, they'll be considered missing for a while, giving me more time.

It seems Ariel has woken up.

"Huh, where is this? I'm pretty sure I was bisected? Why am I still alive?"

"You seem to have woken up. I am Sasha Falling."

"I'm Ariel. Just that name, as I've been a slave for a long time."

"It might be difficult to talk, so feel free to speak normally. I indeed bisected you, but it was the relationship with Bring that I severed. I used spatial magic 'Dimension Blade.'"

"Dimensional magic! Such an attribute exists? Even though I had become like a puppet under the curse of that mask, I tried to seriously kill you. Well, your intimidation made me think I'd be killed the moment I approached you. Sasha, thank you for freeing me and the Chimera from Bring's curse. On top of that, my body feels incredibly light."

"Your body was in bad shape. I used 'Max Heal,' so everything has

healed. The lightness is due to that."

"Thank you for everything. And to think Princess Finn and Lady Iris are here too. I'm surprised."

I see, he can tell.

"You have the ability to see through disguises."

"Yeah, is it okay if I tell you? I have the Unique Skill 'Spirit Eyes.' It allows me to sense the strength of someone's soul, see through disguises and brainwashing magic in an instant. It also makes communication with spirits easy, and my magic has about twice the normal power. It's a useful skill. That's probably why I thought I'd be killed just by seeing you. Even the spirits were frightened and hiding. But now it's okay."

"Thank you for the detailed explanation. I can't explain much on my side."

"Since you're with Lady Iris, there must be some significant circumstances. I won't ask about Lady Iris."

Oh, he's similar to Will-san but doesn't give off a frivolous vibe. In that sense, he seems trustworthy. Hmm, Iris seems to be acting strange."

"Iris, what's wrong?"

"Oh, Ariel-san, I'm sorry if I was mistaken. Two years ago, you helped me when I was kidnapped, right?"

"Oh! The girl from back then was indeed Lady Iris. Even though I had deactivated my Spirit Eyes, I didn't confirm properly, so you were using a different name after all."

Kidnapped! So that's what happened. Iris suddenly seems fidgety.

"Ariel-san, thank you so much for helping me. I, I finally got to thank you."

"So, you two met once before, two years ago?"

"Yeah, before I started wearing the mask, I remember it clearly. There were bad people trying to take the children, and I defeated them quickly. But they were lost, so I asked them the location where they took the children and guided me there.

It turned out to be a church, so I suspected it might be you. It's been two years, you've become more like a girl."

"Uh! T, thank you for that."

Iris's face turns bright red. Hmm, seems like Iris is becoming conscious of Ariel as the opposite gender.

"Master, is it just my imagination that I'm the odd one out among the companions?"

Don't forget about Finn, I had completely forgotten.

"Not at all. By the way, Ariel, what are you going to do now?"

"Right. Although I'm now a free man, it's obvious I'll be suspected since Bring is dead. I should probably leave the Gardia Empire."

"In that case, I want you to go to Sphereart, Iris's hometown. We won the war, but all the S-Class adventurers have disappeared, and our military strength has decreased. I'll explain the situation to Eleanor-sama, and I want you to protect Sphereart until we return."

"I have no problem with that. It's a request from my benefactor. I'll definitely protect Sphereart."

After contacting Eleanor-sama and explaining the situation, it seems

that Ariel is quite famous as an S-Class adventurer, mainly due to his mastery of the Quake attribute, earning him the nickname "Quake Breaker." When I mentioned that Ariel would protect Sphereart, they were very welcoming. With the destination decided, Ariel and the Chimera's stomachs rumbled loudly.

"Before we depart, I'll prepare a feast for you. Take your time and chat with Iris. It's your first reunion in two years."

"Ah, I'll gladly accept your offer."

Ariel and Iris went a bit further away and started chatting happily. Finn, seemingly feeling lonely, came over to me.

Griffin and Unicorn were chatting away with the Chimera. It's quite an incredible sight.

"Iris seems to be having fun. Did you intentionally invite her to Sphereart, Master?"

"Well, yes. As soon as I saw Iris's face, I knew. Even if it weren't for Iris, I was planning to invite her to Sphereart."

For the meal, I prepared Rockbird fried chicken, Gordon Cow steak, and salad. Oh, and I should make Garlic Rice as well.

"Ah, now I really want to see Prince Leon again."

"It'll still be a while until we reach Redenburg. When you reunite, you can confess your feelings then."

"Eh, c-confess?!"

"You're engaged, but you haven't confessed yet, right? It's the perfect opportunity, I think."

"I'll, I'll think about it."

It's still too early for Iris and Ariel. Ariel himself doesn't see Iris as the opposite gender yet, so it might take some time. If he did at this point, it would cause problems.

Alright, it's complete.

"Wow, Master, this is incredibly lavish. It looks like royal palace cuisine."

"You're exaggerating. The mask is off, and I'm finally free. I wanted to make it grand. This garlic rice goes really well with the steak."

When I turned around, everyone was there. They all swallowed with a gulp.

"Sasha, is it alright for only Chimera and me to eat?"

"Yes, we already had a meal earlier, so we're full."

I placed the dishes on the table, and the setup was complete. I put Chimera's portion on the ground.

"Ariel, this is a bit difficult to eat."

Of course, it's hard to eat. Griffin and Unicorn were staring at Chimera's fried chicken and steak. Finn and Iris were also eyeing Ariel's dishes.

"Oh, me too. Princess Finn, Iris, do you want to have some?"

"Uh, no, thank you. If I eat more, I'll—"

"I-I'll pass too."

"Griffin and Unicorn can't eat any more. They've had enough."

"Yes!" *gulp*

Both of them bowed their heads.

As soon as Ariel and Chimera took a bite of the fried chicken, they devoured it all enthusiastically. It was all gone in about 10 minutes.

"Chimera, I had no idea such delicious food existed."

"Yeah, Griffin and Unicorn are also enjoying these dishes. I'm jealous."

Finn and Iris were looking at Ariel and Chimera with complicated expressions.

"Ugh, Onee-sama, I want to learn cooking too."

"Master, me too."

"Hehe, that's fine. You can cook for your future partners someday."

"!!!" Both of them blushed intensely.

Hmm, their reactions are amusing.

"Sasha, thank you. It was incredibly delicious. Especially the garlic rice. It goes perfectly with the steak."

"Ariel-san, in Sphereart, Onee-sama has already been showcasing new dishes, so you can try them at food stalls and restaurants there."

"Really! I'm looking forward to that."

Make sure not to eat too much and gain weight.

"This is the recipe for garlic rice. Give it to the owner of the diner you like."

"Understood, thank you."

"And about me, you can ask Eleanor-sama for information. I think she can trust you, and it should be fine to tell you everything. Iris likes you too."

"Onee-sama!! What are you—"

"Haha, I'll do that. I heard some information from Iris, and I was just taught 'Magic Enchantment' earlier, so I can become even stronger. I'll definitely protect Sphereart. Iris can continue her journey with peace of mind. Well then, I'll be on my way soon."

"Sure, Ariel-san, take care."

Ariel and Chimera flew off. Well, time passed by so quickly. Although they got involved in some trouble, Ariel, a powerful ally, became a great help for Iris. Sphereart should feel relieved too.

Now, before we depart, let's take care of that. I took out the basket attached to Bring and Chimera from my item box.

"Whoa, Master, what are you going to do with that?"

"Like this. 'Flame.'"

Blue flames engulfed the two, and they vanished without a trace.

We can't leave any evidence behind. Both Bring and Ariel will likely be considered missing.

"Ariel-san is going to Sphereart, so there shouldn't be a problem, right?"

"Now, let's head to Billbrem."

"Yes!!"

May nothing happen until we reach Billbrem.

Chapter 57: Arrived at Bilbrem, Adventurer Rank Determination Test

After flying for one hour, we could see Billbrem in the distance. However, there were still evil tribe that had transformed into summoned beasts scattered around. Summoned beasts are usually identifiable by the bands on their hands or feet, and even our Gryphon(Griffin) and Unicorn had them. As these summoned beasts noticed us, they didn't just growl or threaten us, but instead ran away in fear.

"Master, if we continue like this, we'll definitely stand out."

"Every time our eyes meet, they tremble and faint or run away. What will you do, Onee-sama?"

"Of course, we'll land! It's obvious!"

Although there was still some distance to Billbrem, it shouldn't be a problem to land.

"Sasha-sama~ Please take us with you too. Lich-sama is boasting about it, you know~"

"I'm afraid, but I also want to request a permission. I will escort Finn-sama and Iris-sama."

Since I have also trained those two with that skill, there shouldn't be any problem. It's not fair to just take Lich, after all.

Oh well.

"Okay, I understand. You may transform."

"Yay~ Sasha-sama, thank you!"

"Thank you very much."

I had also taught the two of them the skill "Disguise Level 10 (MAX)" when modifying them as summoned beasts for the second time. This skill allowed them to transform into humans. The amount of magical power consumed depends on the extent of the transformation. Transforming into a different species, like a human, would require a significant amount of magical power. However, for Gryphon and Unicorn, it wasn't a significant burden.

Gryphon/Griffin's body shone, and a beastman girl about the same age as Princess Finn appeared. She had short yellow hair and cute, bright eyes. She was dressed appropriately.

Unicorn's body also glowed, and an 18-year-old human young man appeared. He had white hair neatly styled, giving off a reliable big brother vibe. He almost looked like a butler.

Finn and Iris stared at the transformed griffin and unicorn

"Whew~~~~ I've turned into beast people and humans~! When Sasha-sama modified me, she also gave me the Disguise skill. what do you think?"

"Gryphon is so cute!"

"Gryphon is really cute!"

"Yay! I got a compliment!"

"Enough with the excitement, Gryphon!"

"Unicorn looks cool too! He looks like a butler."

"Onee-sama, what should we call the two of them?"

"I have already decided on that. Gryphon will be called Rikka Tail, and Unicorn will be called Jin White. Their summoning bands are hidden from view."

"When in the beastman form, you can call me Rikka~."

"You can call me Jin."

Yes, both names suit them well.

"Master, can evil tribe also use the disguise to transform into humans?"

"It consumes a considerable amount of evil energy, but theoretically, it's possible. However, even if an S-class evil tribe transforms, they won't be able to change their evil energy, so they would be detected by magic detection devices in the city. Now, let's head to Billbrem."

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We arrived at Billbrem. Many adventurers were accompanied by summoned beasts, perhaps due to the approaching tournament. We didn't see this in the Kingdom of Thermia, but it seems to be common here. Well, we definitely won't be using Gryphon and Unicorn in their current forms to avoid standing out. Billbrem itself is architecturally similar to the capital of the Kingdom of Thermia.

"Haa~ Everything looks delicious. Hey, Finn, let's try that one."

"Yeah, it looks tasty. Master, I'll go buy it real quick."

Rikka seems a bit clumsy.

"That Rikka is going to attract attention, isn't she?"

"But Rikka seems to be having so much fun."

"Well, it can't be helped. After all, it's her first time in a human city."

Ah, they're back. They bought some fruits, huh? It's snack time, so it's fine.

"Finn, this is so refreshing and delicious."

"Rikka, give yours to Iris before eating it."

Jin gives off a feeling of being Rikka's older brother.

"Oh, right. Here, Iris."

"Thanks. Wow, it's so refreshing and tasty."

Let's secure an inn first and then register at the adventurer's guild. I heard that there are many aggressive people there, but I wonder if they'll have a mock battle to determine the ranks. The owner of the shop where we bought the fruits told us about an inn with delicious cuisine. We went there and found two vacant twin rooms, so we booked them in advance. We have some spare time, so they told us the location of the adventurer's guild, and we're heading there now.

The adventurer's guild was vast, grand, and luxurious. We first went to the reception.

"Excuse me, we would like to register five adventurers."

"Alright, would you like me to explain the process?"

"No, that won't be necessary. We already know the process from the Thermia Kingdom."

"For reference, could you tell us your ranks in other countries?"

"I'm an S-class, and this one is E-class. Here are our adventurer cards as proof."

The surrounding area became noisy.

"S-class?!"

"Seriously? A kid in 15th place?"

"The tournament is going to be interesting."

People around us were saying various things.

"Do you determine ranks through mock battles?"

"We used to, but due to the risk of accidents, it has become a simpler process. Let's proceed to the training ground to determine your ranks."

Amidst the commotion, we headed to the training ground. People followed us as well. When we arrived at the training ground, there was a circular plate about 5 meters in diameter right in front of us, and another one about 20 meters away.

"For those with close combat abilities, please strike this circular plate with your full-powered attack imbued with magic.

For magic users, aim at the distant target with any attribute of basic magic and release it with full force. The strength of the attack will be displayed on this plate."

It feels quite modern.

"Ha!, a question! What happens if we break the plate?"

As soon as Rikka asked the question, the surroundings became noisy.

"Haha! This is why country bumpkins are a problem!"

"You think a plate made of orichalcum will break?"

Oh, it's orichalcum. In that case, it won't break. But we don't want to attract attention, so let's do it without "Magic Aura."

I gathered everyone and whispered to them.

"Everyone, attack without using 'Magic Aura.' If Rikka and Jin attack with 'Magic Aura,' the orichalcum plate might break. First, Finn and Iris. You can try with all your might."

"Yes!"

Now, I wonder what rank Finn and the others will get?

"Then, let me try the close combat plate."

Finn is concentrating all his nerves into his fist. With her current abilities, she should be able to gather enough magical power into her fist using just magic manipulation.

BOOM

Wow, that was quite a hit. I can see the receptionist and people around are surprised.

"Hey, not bad, young lady."

"Yeah, amazing for someone at that age to reach 6,500."

Huh, without using Magic Aura, she achieved nearly three times the value of a regular attack. It's probably because her skill level has improved since the early days. After that, Iris went, and although her beginner-level magic didn't have much power, she still impressed everyone around.

"Sasha-sama, next, I'll hit the close combat target with all my might!"

"Wait a moment, Rikka. Excuse me, what's the maximum value for this magic tool?"

"Huh? It's 100,000, why do you ask?"

I see, 100,000.

"Rikka, come over here."

"What's up?"

"Use ten times more magical power than Finn and strike it. That

should make it around 60,000 to 80,000. Jin, if Rikka strikes with all her strength, even without Magic Aura, there's a chance the magic tool will break."

"Understood."

In Rikka's case, if she puts in all her strength, it will probably exceed 100,000. If she breaks the magic tool here, it will draw attention. S-class adventurers usually reach around 60,000 in their attacks. Oh, she's focusing her magical power into her fist. It's about ten times more than Finn's attack. This should be fine. Rikka struck the orichalcum with her fist.

BOOM, CRACKLE

A terrible roar resounded, and the entire building shook.

I miscalculated. The magic tool didn't break, but I didn't expect such an impact. Everyone around fell silent, and all the adventurers were astonished.

"Sasha-sama, what's my score?"

"Uh, um, it's, uhh, 68,790."

"Yay~ Just as I expected!"

"Sasha-sama, what should I do next?"

"Well, at this point, there's no choice. Jin, aim for around 75,000."

"Yes, understood."

The receptionist regained her composure, and Jin attacked in the same manner.

BOOM, CRACKLE

Once again, a terrible roar resounded, and the entire building shook. If I were to do the same, would the building collapse?

Jin's score was 75,620.

"Next is my turn."

"Wait a moment. Just to be sure, are you stronger than Rikka-chan and Jin-san?"

Ah, I knew she would ask.

"Young lady, what are you saying? Sasha-sama is our master. Of course, she's stronger than us."

Oh dear. Rikka, don't say unnecessary things. Everyone is taken aback.

"Um, is it alright for me to strike? Ah, don't worry about the impact. I'll make sure it's directed in one direction to avoid affecting the building."

As I was about to strike, someone appeared in the training ground.

"Wait a moment. This is ridiculous! I can believe this man's score, but there's no way that girl, Rikka, over there could have reached 60,000. The magic tool must have broken. Otherwise, there's no way she could have a higher score than my son."

Who is this person? They exist even in this world. A helicopter parent! The receptionist seems troubled.

"Alaya-sama, the magic tool is functioning properly. I was surprised as well, but Rikka-chan and Jin-sama's scores are accurate."

"Then that means my son is weaker than this little girl."

Leaving this to just the receptionist would be dangerous.

"Both Rikka and Jin are our escorts and undoubtedly possess the strength of at least S-class (whispers: or higher). If you're curious, you can bring your son here on another day and let him strike the magic tool to confirm."

"He's right here! Dallas, show them your ability."

Oh, he's here! This Alaya person is dressed like a noble. And from the looks of it, they would suit ending their sentences with "-zamasu." Are they an idiot? Despite being a noble, are they trying to embarrass their own son in public like this?

Oh, her son has come out, but he looks extremely pale. Ah, I can see that he indeed possesses the strength of an A-class, and he is strong, but he's a terrible comparison. Unlike his mother, he seems like a good person. If we were to strike the magic tool here, it might spread shame throughout Billbrem. It's too pitiful for him. Oh, the receptionist is taking action.

"In that case, how about settling it in the Tournament in 10 days? Registrations are still open."

"That's right. The Tournament is coming up. You can compete with my son there. Rikka, was it? If you truly have the strength of an S-class, participate."

"It sounds fun and fine by me!"

It has come to this! It's better than me participating, I suppose. The -zamasu lady laughed loudly and left. Her son looked apologetically in our direction.

Chapter 58: Adventurer Rank Determination

"Now, Irma Theta, the receptionist at the guild leader's room, is kneeling down. The reason is simple. Rikka has been forced to participate in the weapon division of the tournament. Irma is a new employee who just became a receptionist, 18

years old, and has freckles on her face, a simple woman.

"I'm really sorry. Rikka-chan, I'm sorry."

"It's okay. It sounds interesting."

"Irma-san, please raise your head. It can't be helped in that situation. If your son had attacked with a magical tool there, we would have been terribly embarrassed. Honestly, we were saved by that. "

"Thank you for saying that."

"Rikka, since you're participating, enjoy it to the fullest. But don't kill your opponent."

"Okay!"

Well, it's good that Rikka is the only one participating. If I participated, I would stand out too much.

"By the way, Irma-san, is the guild leader not here?"

"The guild leader is in the capital now. He's scheduled to return in about three days. Oh, he's definitely going to be angry when he comes back."

That's understandable.

"Master, since we're here, should we ask about the Marco Ruins?"

Oh, since we're here in the guild leader's room, we might as well ask.

"Irma-san, our goal is to explore the Marco Ruins. Do you know anything about it?"

"Is that the Marco Ruins? That's a troublesome A-class dungeon. So far, only 10 parties have made it there. The reason it's so troublesome is that the dungeon's form changes every 5 floors. There are many forms, such as stone, forest, earth, and zombie house."

"I understand stone, forest, and earth, but what is a zombie house?"

"I do not recommend going to the zombie house. It is also called the 'Adventurer's Graveyard,' and those who die there will be trapped in the dungeon forever. However, if you clear it, there is a huge reward. Currently, only the party of brave heroes from 500 years ago have cleared it. The remaining 9 parties have cleared it through the normal floor routes."

"Uh, what does that mean?"

"Let me explain in more detail. There are two ways to conquer the Marco Ruins. The first is the normal route, which has 40 floors with different floor types and enemy types every 5 floors. The second is the zombie house route, which always has a signboard at the end of floors with a 5 in the number. You will be asked which door to enter. According to the brave hero, the zombie house route is a shortcut. However, if you die there, your body will become a zombie and wander forever, and it is said to be a far more difficult route than the normal one. According to the biography of the brave hero who cleared it, the reward was a level 30 boost and the Goddess's Ring, which nullifies all abnormal conditions. By the way, the Goddess's Ring is an item that nullifies all abnormal status attacks."

"Hey, what kind of reward is that? Won't everyone flock there? Oh wait, everyone probably did, and that's why it's the Adventurer's

Graveyard."

"I see. Can you leave the zombie house route in the middle?"

I see. So the dungeon is not something that can be easily cleared. However, if we can survive until the 10th floor, there is a way to escape. According to the stories of adventurers who have survived so far, there is always one room where no enemies appear. There is a statue of a goddess in that room, and it seems that we can escape by channeling magic through it. However, if we escape and try to challenge the Zombie House again, we will start from the beginning. Moreover, the contents of the Zombie House to be cleared seem to be different depending on the time.

Still, everyone tries to challenge it. Perhaps because the rewards are great. I'll also try to challenge it. I don't want to spend too much time on it though.

What kind of things are there to be cleared in the Zombie House?"

"Well, to clear it, you have to accomplish at least three missions. Some of the ones I know are: 1. Escape from a large mansion you've never seen before.

2. Defeat monsters in the underground passages.

3. Escape from the island.

That's about it."

I think I have a general idea of the situation on this floor. This dungeon in Spheretalia is definitely based on the world we came from. However, the building itself is strange, even though it should be similar to a noble's mansion if it's based on that game.

"I see, it's a troublesome dungeon. It's perfect for training Fin and Iris though. I want to discuss with my comrades before deciding whether to challenge the Zombie House or not. What happened to our class? I haven't done it yet, so should we go back to the training ground?"

"That's the plan, please do."

When they returned to the training ground, the adventurers were still there. It's a bit awkward.

"Okay, let's do this."

"Good luck, Sasha. Why not break everything while you're at it?"

Rikka said something stupid. If I do that, I'll stand out! However, I won't be able to avoid the impact, so I'll direct everything towards the distance target, where there shouldn't be anything behind it. I have to reinforce the wall behind the distance target, or it would be dangerous if it got destroyed. Let's set the value to around 90,000 and do it lightly.

BOOM CRASH

Huh? Something big happened. The wall that was fixed with the distance target was destroyed in an instant, hitting the distance target and crashing into the wall behind it.

SCREECH

Looking around, everyone had their eyes and mouths wide open, staring at the destruction.

"Um, Irma-san, what are the numbers?"

"Yes! Um, the close combat score is 95,432, and the long-range score is... 87,980."

"Understood. Oh, I'll go get some targets."

Walking to the back wall for long-range shooting, there were targets

for both close and long-range combat. However, they were dented in several places, so I used "Material Conversion" to fix them. The wall was left as it was. Returning to everyone,

"Big sis, you stood out a lot."

"Master, you went too far."

"It can't be helped. I thought the guild might be completely destroyed by the shock, so I had to go in one direction only.

Thanks to that, we didn't have a total collapse."

Hearing that, the adventurers around had bad looks on their faces.

"Rikka-chan is participating this time, right? I might withdraw."

"Me too."

The adventurers around started to talk about various things.

"Well then, shall we head back to the reception?"

Returning to the reception, there was a discussion between Irma-san, all the guild employees, and everyone else, so it became a break for a while.

"Hmm, in the end, we took a very conspicuous action."

"Master, if Rikka-chan participates in the arena, she'll definitely win."

"Considering that nobleman and all, she has to participate. Well, even if she wins, it won't be a big problem."

However, let's be careful as there is a possibility that something will be done to Fin and Iris before the arena.

"Fin, Iris, be careful around you. If that nobleman realizes that Rikka is really strong, he will definitely take some measures to interfere. The quickest way is to kidnap you two. You can't rely on us alone. Rikka and Jin, if someone with ill intentions approaches the two of you, make them permanently disabled in public. Don't show mercy!"

"Yes, understood!"

"Iris, let's handle it ourselves. The three of us are serious. It's too pitiful for someone to attack us no matter what."

"Yes, let's become stronger at the Marco Ruins so we can deal with it."

Yes, both of them understand. By giving strict orders, I was able to tighten everyone's focus. Oh, Irma-san has returned.

「 Sorry for the wait. Your adventurer cards are ready. Sasha, Jin, and Rikka are ranked as S class, while Finn and Iris are C class. 」

"Thank you very much. I'm sorry for the trouble we caused."

"No problem at all. The three of you are all very strong. They might be even stronger than Dante, who is quite famous in the Galderia Empire."

Huh? That name sounds familiar. Jin whispered to me.

"Sasha, that's probably the person that Lich-sama defeated."

Oh, that idiot. He's quite famous in the Galderia Empire, isn't he? Oh well.

"Thank you for the information on the Marco ruins. We'll make our preparations and start exploring."

"Oh, and Rikka-chan, please go to the Gold arena among the three available arenas and register for the tournament. Also, there will be an exam during the initial registration, and that will determine your starting rank for the tournament."

"Okay, I understand. Thank you."

After leaving the adventurer's guild, we took a break on a bench in the square.

"First, let's register at the arena. From now on, the registered members will be me, Jin, and Rikka."

"Master, what about me and Iris? Can't we participate?"

"If Finn fights in the arena, there's a possibility that his identity will be exposed and cause a commotion. It's too early for Iris. Also, the evil race will probably start sending assassins after Finn soon, so we want to minimize the trouble caused to ordinary people."

"I see, I understand!"

"Sasha-sama, let's hurry up and register at the Gold arena! I want to fight!"

"I also want to move my body after a long time."

Feeling rushed, we headed to the nearest Gold arena.

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The Gold arena was a circular building with a roof, and the central area was covered in white tiles with a diameter of 20

meters for fighting. The surrounding area had separate spectator seats on the first and second floors. There were a lot of adventurers here. Were they all going to fight? We went to the receptionist and talked to

the woman there.

"Excuse me, we want to register these three people."

"Is that child going to participate in the tournament as well?"

"Yes, this child will also participate in the tournament."

"What! In the tournament! You shouldn't let them participate."

"It's okay. The three of us are S-class adventurers, so there's no problem."

As expected, everyone started talking.

"S-class! This child too! No way, I don't believe it."

As the conversation didn't seem to be going anywhere, Rikka got angry.

"Come on, hurry up and register us! I want to move my body! I want to fight someone!"

"Oh, okay, I understand. For now, please fight against a B-class fighter. Your starting rank will be determined by how well you fight. When your name is called, please enter the central venue. The rules are simple. Killing is prohibited! You have to blow your opponent out of the ring..."

We introduced ourselves and waited in the audience area for our turn. As expected, a muscular adventurer approached Rikka.

"Hey, girl, S-class my ass. You look like a weak little kid to me. Try punching me in the gut. I'll check if you're telling the truth."

"You're annoying!" Thud

Rikka's hand sank deep into the adventurer's stomach.

"Ugh, lies... Why..."

Naturally, he collapsed with a single blow.

"Sasha-sama, he's weak. All talk."

"You did well controlling your strength, Rikka."

"Yay! I got praised! I'll move this guy away since he's in the way."

Rikka lifted the adventurer and threw him towards the wall. The other adventurers acknowledged Rikka's strength and quickly backed away.

"It's okay, Sasha-sama?"

"It's fine. I knew it would end up like this. It'll be quieter now."

Then, Jin's name was called. Let's see what kind of fighting style he has.

In Billbrem, there are three arenas where many people fight to rank up. The organization that manages these arenas is the Fighting Guild. Unlike the Adventurer Guild, the Fighting Guild does not have a single building. Each arena has its own guild leader who gives orders to the members. The arenas are also ranked according to difficulty.

Bronze Arena: Fighting Ranks E and F Silver Arena: Fighting Ranks C and D Gold Arena: Fighting Ranks S, A, and B

Chapter 59: Jin and Rikka's Battle

First, let's start with Jin.

"Jin, it's good to move your body, but don't do anything too flashy," said Sasha. "Yes, I understand. Sasha-sama is watching from behind, so I will be moderate," replied Jin.

Jin moved to the center stage on the first floor from the audience seats. The opponent was a player with B-class strength.

As this was a weapon division, he naturally had a long sword in his possession. The signal to start the match was given by the judge, and the battle began.

Jin's Point of View:

At the adventurer's guild, Sasha-sama drew more attention than expected. I should try to avoid drawing too much attention here in the arena as well. However, it has been a while since I've moved my body, so I want to have some fun. The opposing player seems to be reasonably strong, so this could serve as a warm-up exercise. I hope I can entertain everyone a little bit.

"Hey, aren't you carrying a weapon?"

"No, I'm not very good at weapons. In a way, my body is my weapon."

"Ha! Don't complain if I cut off your arm. Ha!"

The man charged towards Jin, but disappeared.

"Opening spotted! There!"

As expected of a B-rank player. Instead of charging at full speed, he applied wind magic to move to my left rear. An opponent of the same level would not be able to keep up with such rapid movement. I

avoided the approaching sword and entered into the opponent's guard, launching an attack with my martial arts.

"Hmm! But, I can still dodge this much."

I combined multiple thrusts and kicks, which the opponent avoided or blocked with his sword. He's a good player who has undergone considerable training. The battle continued for a while, but it seemed that the opponent's stamina was running out.

"Huff, huff, huff... How are you still not out of breath when I am? I can't believe it!"

"It's simple. Until now, I was only doing light warm-up exercises to get rid of my lack of exercise. I haven't moved my body much lately."

"What! That was supposed to be a warm-up exercise!"

"Well, now it's our turn to attack."

"What, where did he go?"

"What are you looking at? The left side is wide open."

With a light punch to the opponent's left cheek, he flew away impressively. Hey hey, I only hit him lightly.

"Hahaha, was that really a warm-up exercise? I can't even stand up anymore, I give up."

"Jin wins."

A victory declaration from the referee. Well, it was a light exercise. I feel a little envious of the fighting tournament, or maybe it's just Rikka.

Back at Sasha-sama's place,

"Jin, well done! You fought really well."

"Thank you."

"Hmm, it was a bit unsatisfying. Don't worry, the Jazoku will probably try something during the fighting tournament, so you and Rikka can go wild then. And there's also the Marco Ruins."

"She sees through everything. Okay, I understand. I'm looking forward to when the Jazoku attack."

I can't match Sasha-sama's skills. She sees through everything. It's Rikka's turn next. I hope she doesn't do anything reckless.

Rikka's point of view:

Next up is my turn.

Ever since I could transform into a human, I've been having fun every day. I live to eat Sasha-sama's cooking. But lately, I haven't been moving my body much. I might get fat at this rate. The Jazoku around here are too weak, it wasn't even a warm-up exercise. I want to go wild.

"Rikka, if you go too wild, I'll punish you, okay? Be moderate."

Uh, when I looked at Fin and Iris, their faces turned pale. Is it really that scary?

"Yes, understood."

I asked Fin and Iris, but they said Sasha-sama's punishment really hits home. I don't understand what that means, but anyway, it seems to be really painful. I'll be careful. When we moved to the stage, it seemed like the opponent and the referee were arguing.

"Hey, let me fight that guy instead! My friend got hurt because of him. It's not a big deal, right?"

"But you're an A-rank adventurer."

"That kid is supposed to be an S-rank in the adventurer's guild. I'll find out if it's true or not."

"Y-yes, understood."

Oh, it seems to have settled down. The opponent came up on stage. Let's start already~.

"Hey, you! How dare you do that to my friend."

"Friend? Are you talking about that man who was all bark and no bite?"

"Grr, that's him!"

"I just punched him because he said to take one hit to his stomach. I did it lightly, but he fainted with just one hit. What's wrong with that?"

"Anyway, he made our group look bad. I'm going to make you unable to fight again here."

This guy is so annoying. He's showing hostility towards me, and I don't like it~

"Well then, please start the match."

"Die~~!"

He's swinging a sword and a small sword. Oh, I think it's called dual-wielding. But there's no way such a slow attack will hit me.

"You keep dodging around. Fight back! You don't even have a weapon."

"I do have a weapon. This is my weapon-----!"

Hehehe, I'll surprise him. My weapon is super cool. I asked Sasha-sama to modify it. By gripping both hands, the claws stored in my arms extend from my wrists. My claws can cut anything.

"What the--! What kind of weird claws are those? That's a weapon?"

[The guy made fun of my claws, the claws Sasha-sama made for me!]

"What did you say?! Ah, you made fun of my claws! Change of plans, I'll beat you up! These claws are a precious weapon made for me by my master. Anyone who makes fun of them won't be forgiven. Those two swords are in the way. Ha!"

I sliced the long sword and the short sword into pieces.

"Huh! To think that Mithril sword would be cut so easily, I understand. Please forgive me. Like this-----ga."

I won't let you surrender. I stored my claws and punched him in the stomach.

"I won't let you faint or surrender. You made fun of my weapon, so I'll make you regret it thoroughly. Come on, come on, come on, try to dodge. Try to dodge," I said as I continued to inflict pain all over their body.

"B-but, please stop, it hurts, stop, please," they pleaded, but I didn't stop. They insulted Sasha-sama's weapon, so I had to make them suffer even more. After punching them for a while, the announcer declared my victory and called for the match to stop.

But someone chopped my head suddenly, causing me intense pain. I turned around and saw Sasha-sama, who had a face like a Hannya mask.

"H-hi! S-Sasha-sama, but this person made fun of your weapon! I couldn't forgive that," I explained.

"I understand how you feel, but you went too far. What's the point of beating up someone who has completely lost their will to fight?" Sasha-sama scolded me as she moved behind me and hit both of her fists on my temple.

"Ow, it hurts! Sorry!" I cried out in pain. It was a punishment that really hit me hard, both physically and mentally.

After a minute of enduring the punishment, I couldn't move anymore. "Forgive me, Sasha-sama," I begged.

"Reflect on your actions," Sasha-sama replied.

After one minute, I was completely defeated and couldn't move anymore.

○○○ Sasha's Perspective

Ugh, Rikka went too far. Sure, it's annoying when someone insults your weapon, but you shouldn't beat them up like that.

They could break and never be able to fight again. Oh, I should cast healing magic on them. Ah, they've broken several bones.

"Max Heal."

"Oh, you cast healing magic. Thanks, Miss, you saved me."

"You also got what you deserved for insulting someone else's weapon."

"Yeah, sorry. I got a little angry when my friend got hurt. By the way, is Rikka okay?"

They're lying next to me, face down and twitching. The audience is making a lot of noise too.

"It's okay. They'll recover naturally soon."

"That doesn't look like it. Are you Sasha, Rikka's master?"

"Yes, I am. Oh, it's my turn next."

"When Rikka wakes up, please tell them I'm sorry. I wanted to see their abilities by provoking them, even though my friend got hurt."

"You should stop that tactic. You could get beaten up again. "

"Haha, I already learned my lesson. I won't do it again. Well, good luck with the match."

I hand Rikka over to Jin and have them return to the audience. When I return to the stage, my opponent, a man in his twenties, looks sick.

"Please begin."

"Can I ask you one thing? Are you stronger than the girl from earlier?"

"Since I am her master, it's only natural."

He looks even sicker now. Now, how should I fight? I think using auxiliary magic or skills to strengthen my body is allowed in the

weapon division.

"Well, let's fight normally. I'll make the first move."

I take out my mithril sword and start attacking. I combine several sword strikes, but there are still several weak points since he's only a B-class.

"Wah, ah, damn, you're fast."

Hmm, is this what he calls fast? Let's end this quickly. I entangle his sword and jump, putting my sword on his neck.

"Hyah! I, I surrender so easily."

"Sasha wins."

It didn't even take a minute to finish. On my way back to the audience, my opponent falls to the ground. I appraise him, and it seems he just fainted from excessive tension. He's a veteran here, so why is he nervous? He's so unprofessional!

When I pass by the other adventurers, they all move away from me.

Huh? Did I do something?

"Hey, Finn, everyone is clearly avoiding me."

"After Rikka beat up an A-class adventurer, her master beat her up. It's natural for everyone to avoid you."

"What? That was just a punishment."

"Sister, it didn't look like that to everyone else. It was like an attack from an evil tribe," said Rikka, who still hasn't recovered.

Beside her, Jin spoke to me. "If I fought like Rikka did, what would have happened?"

"It's obvious. You would suffer the same fate as Rikka. It doesn't matter who you are," I replied.

Jin's complexion turned pale, and she muttered under her breath, "I'm glad I held back."

Rikka also cursed under her breath, saying, "Now Jin can taste it too~"

Chapter 60: The evil king at that time

This is a remote, uninhabited island located far to the north of the Thermia Kingdom, surrounded by the vast sea. Deep beneath the island's surface, an evil king is sealed. He is sealed within a sphere, but previously there were two layers to the sphere, and the outer seal was broken by a certain person, leaving only one layer. Even in this state, the evil king himself cannot break the seal, as he simply does not have enough power. Unable to move himself, the evil king has his subordinates, the evil tribe, move for him to incite world-level wars between different races, but the results have not been satisfactory. Therefore, the evil king is currently becoming restless. At this time, a visitor appears outside the sphere where the evil king resides.

Evil King's Point of View:

Strange. I have not received any word from Jake and the others that were sent to Sphireart. What has happened? How frustrating. If only I could move my body freely, I would have exterminated all the races that Sphire created. Lately, there has also been no communication from that individual or the evil god. What has happened?

"Hey there, Evil King. How are you doing?"

"! You always surprise me, ----sama."

"Is that so? I'm just paying a normal visit. Looks like you haven't been updated yet. Well, the result is the result, so there's no point in telling you now."

I am always surprised by ----sama. I cannot sense their presence at all. Do they know something?

"Do you know something?"

"Well, it seems like some heroes were summoned and they possess powerful skills. Shadow has been defeated by the heroes, and in Sphireart, all the S-class evil tribes were wiped out."

What?! The ones we sent to Sphireart were all elites. And they were all wiped out?

"Hahaha, it looks like you are getting anxious. At first, everything seemed to be going smoothly, but this is what happens when you become too engrossed in your own strategies. I have to commend you for teleporting Iris deep into the forest, but what came afterwards was not good. After the teleportation was successful, everyone assumed that Iris was dead. But someone should have gone to confirm her body. As a result, Iris moved to the border of the Thermia side on her own and was rescued by adventurers."

"I can't believe she survived in that situation."

"You evil tribes underestimate humans too much. Sometimes, humans can exhibit unbelievable strength. But I was surprised too. With only that level of ability, she single-handedly survived in the deep forest where A and B-class monsters abound for three days. That's what makes humans so interesting."

Is ----sama laughing? Is she enjoying this situation?

"What happened to Sphireart?"

"Sphereart is still alive. Only the evil dragon Jake survived and launched a war, but the evil side was defeated. The humans apparently used a secret weapon in the war against the evil tribe."

"A secret weapon?"

"Yes, a fusion magic. Two adventurers conceived it, and someone advised them to make it a reality. It had tremendous power."

Someone advised them? This person should have been able to clearly understand everything. Why say 'someone'? Did she read my mind? Because her mood suddenly worsened.

"Yes, that someone is the problem. We can't grasp their existence. It's the first time for me! Someone exists without my knowledge, but only those I allow can exist. I will find out their true identity and make them disappear."

It became quiet. Did she disappear? That person was unusually angry. Who is that person? Her appearance may have ruined the plan in Thermia, but it is not entirely destroyed. The plan is progressing smoothly in Gardia, Redenburg, Remnant, and Sylphiel.

Hmm, is that Schnauzer's presence?

"Your Majesty, I have a report."

"Schnauzer, is it about the Thermia Kingdom?"

"Yes, exactly."

"--- sama seems angry. "

"Has the person in question appeared there? "

"Yes, someone has appeared whose presence is unknown even to ----

sama. The plan in Thermia was obstructed because that person gave power to the humans. We need to Investigate it urgently."

"Understood."

"How about the plan in Gardia Empire?"

"We successfully infiltrated Bilbrem, and everything is going according to plan. We failed to assassinate Keith Gardia in the capital, but there are many ways to do it."

"Good. Make sure the plan in Gardia Empire succeeds!"

"Yes, Your Majesty!"

A small rebellion has already started in the Gardia Empire. If that person ascends to the throne, a big war will surely break out. Then, I will be resurrected.

Sasha's point of view.

The battle in the arena is over, and I, Jin, and Rikka have started in rank A. To become rank S, it seems you have to fight and win 10 consecutive battles against rank S or A players. But I'm not interested, so I won't become rank S. Well, the registration for the arena is over, and we can explore the Marco ruins starting tomorrow. The Marco ruins have 40 floors, but we have plenty of time since the arena is 10 days away. Before that, let's make Finn and Iris stronger and conquer the ruins.

It's currently 5:00 PM. We have time until dinner, so let's ask about the Lich's situation.

[Lich, how are things on your end?]

[Sasha-sama, there are still those who plan to assassinate Keith. I haven't arrived in the capital yet, but I've been attacked once before. I've defeated everyone, whether they're A-class or S-class, but the problem is when I arrive in the capital.]

However, I've already cast that spell on Keith, so there's no problem. As soon as I arrive in the capital, I'll start investigating the mastermind. I've used my magic to make sure I'll arrive there tomorrow.]

[I see, thank you. We're planning to explore the Marco ruins tomorrow. However, there was a dispute at the adventurer's guild, and Rikka will be participating in the arena.]

[Rikka, not Sasha-sama? That's interesting.]

[Well, the Evil tribe will probably make some moves, so it's perfect in a way. Please let us know if anything unusual happens on your end as well.]

[Understood.]

Well, it seems like everything will end smoothly today.

Right now, the only ones in this room are me, Finn, and Iris. Rikka and Jin are in the next room.

"I've finished exchanging information with the Lich. It seems like they were attacked again. Their target is naturally Prince Keith."

"Oh, again. For the other side, Prince Keith must be quite an obstacle."

I don't know if the mastermind is involved with the Evil tribe, but it might be better to eliminate them. Let's leave that to the Lich.

"By the way, a lot has happened today. The thief incident, the adventurer's guild, the arena guild. I hope nothing else happens."

"Even though the commotion at the adventurer's guild and the arena guild were caused by Rikka, it was all thanks to our master. Especially at the arena guild, everyone backed off when Rikka was punished. With just that, everyone agreed that she was S-class."

Why would they be satisfied with just that punishment and accept her as S rank?

"At the adventurer guild and combat guild, the commotion was caused by Rikka, but it was our master who made it worse.

Especially at the combat guild, when Rikka was punished, everyone was scared. Just with that, everyone agreed that she was S rank. "

Why would they be satisfied with just that punishment and accept her as S rank?

"Especially the opponent of our master during the match, their face turned pale. During the match, I thought they might attack me too, so I was prepared for it. That person went up on the stage prepared to be killed. After losing the match and coming down from the stage, they fainted. Our master ignored it and just came back to us as if nothing happened, so everyone was even more scared."

That's crazy!

"Well, that's not my concern. It's just that the opponent's mental strength was weak. I can't be bothered with every little thing."

"Onee-sama, if you had shown concern and used recovery magic, people would have had a different impression of you."

No need to worry about it.

"Just curious, what did people think of me?"

"Onee-sama, please don't take offense, but you were seen as a beautiful but absolutely terrifying presence."

It's annoying. Just for punishing someone, why would they think of me like that? I may have been worshipped in Sphereart, but here, I'm just a feared presence.

"In front of other adventurers, let's try to refrain from punishment. I don't want to be feared any more than I already am.

I'm stressed, so let's go to the Marko ruins and attack the evil tribe with Grigri attacks."

"Onee-sama, for some reason, I sympathize with the evil tribe."

"Master, I feel sorry for the evil tribe."

Why?

----- At dinner time, when I went down to the first floor, Rikka and Jin had secured a place for us.

"Thank you for securing a place for us, both of you."

"Sasha-sama, are you still angry?"

"Rikka, I'm not angry anymore. I understand that you both want to move your bodies, so tomorrow at the Marko ruins, let's split up and relieve some stress. You two can go ahead, and even if you fall into a trap, it's okay. However, I will only call you back when we have meals. I will cook for us."

"Yay! Sasha-sama's cooking!"

"Thank you for considering us. We are looking forward to tomorrow."

"Uh, Master, can we request a change to our punishment rule?"

Punishment rule? Ah, if the number of times caught in a trap exceeds 10 times until the next rest point, it will be a Grigri attack. We're skipping from a C-class dungeon to an A-rank dungeon, so the current rules are tough.

"Well, considering it's an A-rank dungeon, I'll allow up to 10 trap catches per floor. If exceeded, punishment will be given."

"Onee-sama, I think that's okay."

"Thank you, master."

A-class dungeon Marco Ruins

1. According to preliminary information, each floor seems to be quite large. It's about 2-3 times larger than a C-class dungeon.

2. The atmosphere changes every 5 floors. The only exception is the Zombie House, which can be continuous or end after only one floor. What's known so far is that there are various types, such as the earth, forest, rocky terrain, and caves.

3. The Zombie House is where all humanoid evil races in this world are classified as zombies. There seem to be several types of zombies, including adventurers who died and became evil races, and those with unknown hairstyles and clothing, who are unusually strong and scary. In the dungeon, zombies always appear in the Zombie House, which is said to be a large mansion with unfamiliar furniture and paintings, and the roof is covered with evil tribes. What kind of mansion is it?

To summarize the information, there is a goddess statue with a message from the sphere on the lowest floor of this ruin.

We don't know how many days it will take to get there, so let's not rush and proceed slowly. This is a remote, uninhabited island located far to the north of the Thermia Kingdom, surrounded by the vast sea.

Deep beneath the island's surface, an evil king is sealed. He is sealed within a sphere, but previously there were two layers to the sphere, and the outer seal was broken by a certain person, leaving only one layer. Even in this state, the evil king himself cannot break the seal, as he simply does not have enough power. Unable to move himself, the evil king has his subordinates, the evil tribe, move for him to incite world-level wars between different races, but the results have not been satisfactory. Therefore, the evil king is currently becoming restless. At this time, a visitor appears outside the sphere where the evil king resides.

Chapter 61: Start of the Marco Ruins [A-rank Dungeon] Strategy

All preparations were complete, and they set off to the Marco Ruins the next morning. Finn and Iris seemed nervous, perhaps because it was an A-rank dungeon. Today, they had to get used to the dungeon first. Even though they had

"Magic Cladding" there should be those who would come with evil power just like us as A-rank evil beings. In the initial 1-5 floors, there were still many B-rank evil beings appearing, so it was just right for getting used to it. I also had to level up myself. When the fighting tournament settles down, I'll come alone and raise my level significantly. As for Iris and Finn, as I thought last night, let's power-level them and give them a significant level-up before the fighting tournament takes place. If we can clear the Zombie House, it will be a significant power-leveling, but it is said to be quite difficult, so we'll keep it on hold.

"We seem to have arrived at the Marco Ruins. Finn, Iris, are you mentally prepared?"

"Yes, we are ready."

"From here on, Rikka and Jin will go their separate ways. You can go wild, but don't bother other adventurers. For every nuisance, you'll be punished once."

"Yes, we understand."

"Jin, I'll give you this ring. In the dungeon, defeated evil beings disappear and drop items. Since you have "Item Box"

granted, put the drop items in there when you defeat them."

"Yes, I'll use it."

"I'll call you at noon. Until then, you're free to do what you want. Dismissed!"

Rikka and Jin entered the Marco Ruins with determination.

Indeed, the Marco Ruins, which is said to be the oldest in Gardia, can be reminiscent of a giant temple somewhere in Europe. Only the roof and pillars remained, but it still had some dignity. According to the story, there was a staircase in the center of the temple, and the dungeon began from there.

"Both of you will come with me!"

"Yes!"

When they entered the temple, there was a large staircase leading to the underground in the center. Near the stairs, there were some groups of adventurers, all looking beaten up.

"Are you okay? If you don't mind, I can cast a healing spell."

"I'm sorry. Can I ask you a favor? We challenged the Zombie House and went down to the fifth underground floor, but the animal zombies were too strong. We managed to win somehow, but everyone was in bad shape. Luckily, we found the room with the statue of the goddess inside the mansion and escaped from there. We don't have much physical or magical energy left."

The Zombie House, huh? Other parties are in a similar state, so a regular healing spell won't work.

"Max Regeneration."

As soon as I chanted the spell, a huge magic circle appeared on the ground and surrounded the entire party.

Everyone was in pretty bad shape, but their whole body wounds gradually began to heal. After about 10 minutes, it seems like everyone has fully recovered. We should be okay now.

"Wait, did you heal everyone here?"

"Yes, since a regular healing spell is inefficient, I used the regeneration spell. Also, please use this magic potion. It's been improved with Spheroid, so it should taste good and restore a fair amount of magical energy."

"Isn't that the latest magic potion! - Thank you very much. Are there only three of you? No, I'm sorry. This dungeon has traps that are more intricate than above ground, and the evil race's skill handling is better than above ground. Also, I know it's meddling, but it's better not to challenge the Zombie House. It's more difficult than expected. Well then, please be careful enough."

All the adventurers thanked us. Since they had almost no magical energy left, they were prepared to die. After being thanked extensively, the adventurers returned to Bilbrem. Even if they walk from here, it will take about two days, but they should be okay.

"Onee-sama, you should have shown that kindness to yesterday's opponent."

"That was different! The adventurers we just met were about to die in the dungeon. We have to be kind to people like that.

It's not always good to be kind to everyone. Sometimes you have to be strict, like with punishment rules."

"Uh! You're right."

Well, we've come close to the stairs, but they're big. It feels like we're entering a monster's mouth.

"Now, both of you enter the dungeon."

As we descended the stairs, there was a large door. It opened automatically. When we entered, it was a forest.

"Oh, the first floor is a forest zone."

"A forest? It doesn't make me feel good. I remember when we teleported."

"Sniff sniff, I can smell the trees. They're real, and it's bright! This is inside the dungeon."

Looking around, there is a presence of evil beings, but they are hiding well. Some are even using this forest to conceal their presence. That's just what you'd expect from an A-class dungeon. With Finn and Iris's current strength, we would be killed quickly on the 6th floor. It's best to start with just the first floor in the morning and get used to the environment. As planned, let's do power leveling for Finn and Iris on each floor.

Power leveling:

1. Overwhelmingly strong individual lures high-level enemies to one location.
2. Overwhelmingly strong individual attacks the lured enemies until they are about to die.
3. Overwhelmingly weak individual gives their all to stop the gathered enemies.
4. As a result, the weak individual greatly levels up.
5. Repeat this process many times.

Let's do power leveling on floors 1-5. Once they've leveled up a bit, they can fight normally and level up their skills.

"Finn, Iris, first get used to the environment. There are many evil beings wandering around. Always use 'Magic Cladding' and 'Sense Detection.' Otherwise, you'll be killed."

"Yes!"

"Oh, Finn, there are two Spider Dragons (B-class) on the trees."

Oh, you noticed well.

"Iris, attack with storm magic. Stop them when they fall down."

I'll move to the back and observe how they fight. They're called dragons, but they look like spiders. They're 3 meters long, have a hard outer shell, and are quite defensively strong and agile. They have a lot of abnormal status attacks, especially if you get caught in a spider web of lightning attribute, it'll be troublesome. How should we deal with them?

"I think you heard about it in the advance information, but be careful with abnormal status attacks."

Now, let me gather the evil beings for power leveling while I can.

Finn's perspective :

Last night, I heard a lot from my master about the evil tribes that appear in the Marco ruins, and to be honest, it's scary!

The basic ability values of A-rank evil tribes are nearly three times higher than my current values. Most of the 1-5 floors are B-rank evil

tribes, and the floors below the 5th floor are all A-rank. Even though we are protected by my master's magic, I still feel uneasy. When I honestly told my master how I feel, She said there was a way to make me and Iris stronger in a short period of time. She said we could do "Power Leveling," but what does that mean? She said that we could conquer the floors below the 5th floor after doing Power Leveling. At that time, my master was smiling. At times like this, my master is scary in a different way because she is thinking of something unimaginable. Oh, I already found two Spider Dragons. They are tricky enemies that hide their presence well and use a lot of status ailments.

"Iris, attack with storm magic. I'll stop them when they fall."

"Yes!"

I thought with Iris about what we could do to become stronger. My specialty is claw techniques. It's a technique that adds magic to Mithril claws and increases their attack power. However, at the end of the Sphere War, I only knew wind and thunder magic. After the war, when things settled down, I asked my master to teach me all attributes of magic. Although I couldn't master them all, I was able to learn new water, ice, and storm magic. My master is amazing. Until now, I had heard that upper attributes such as ice and storm cannot be mastered without a lower attribute level of at least 5. But when I talked to my master, she said that as long as you have a strong image and can manipulate magic power circulation, the lower or upper attributes don't matter. It seems that people in the past just assumed they couldn't master them without that.

Regarding magic, my master said that various magic described in textbooks was not created by the goddess Sphere, but rather developed by people in the past and established as commonly used around the world. She said that in magic, the image is important, and even Finn and Iris can create the magic they want if they have a clear image and can manipulate magic power. Therefore, she said that if there is a magic you think you need, you should learn it, but if not, you should create it yourself. She said not to rely on textbooks. So, I made several of my own unique magic. Well, I mean, I made them normally.

Now, let's try them out!

"Downburst!"

A storm magic from Iris was unleashed. Like me, Iris also sought for strength and learned new lightning, spatial, fire, and storm magic. Iris's magical manipulation is incredible. Originally, the high-level storm magic "Downburst" should be a magic that attacks enemies over a wide range from the sky, but Iris compressed it to about 5 meters in diameter and fired it from her staff, greatly increasing its attack power and launch speed. She pierced one Spider Dragon and repelled the other one towards us. Alright, let's try using that technique.

In my case, I can't compress storm attribute magic as well as Iris can because my magical manipulation skills are not as good. When I was worried about it, my master gave me advice.

[In Finn's case, use the mithril claws. Mithril cannot enhance attack magic like a gemstone, but it can be temporarily absorbed. However, the absorbed mithril explodes after about five minutes, so if you perform magical manipulation immediately after absorbing it and release your technique, it shouldn't be a problem.]

I followed that advice and came up with a certain finishing technique. It was tough in various ways, but I managed to complete the finishing technique through trial and error. Now is the time to use it!

"Claw Technique 'Storm Cross'!"

I applied the storm magic "Storm" to the mithril claws on both arms and absorbed it. I gathered the magic at the tips of the claws and released it in a crossed position with both arms. The claw technique that had become a cross hit the Spider Dragon and tore through the center of the cross. Yes, it worked!

According to my master, the center of the cross has tens of times the attack power of the surrounding area.

"Oh, you already defeated it! You're fast!"

My master praised me. I'm happy.

"Master, that technique worked in actual combat."

"I saw it. Both Finn and Iris trained themselves until they came here. I never thought they would defeat the Spider Dragon with just one attack each without letting it attack. Well done!"

"Hehe, thank you, Onee-sama."

"With this, it might be a good idea for the two of you to act alone for a while. The ones around here are only B-class, so it should be okay. I've set up the 'Distortion Field' to activate when there is an instant death attack or when the HP falls to 1/4, so if you cast magic five times or less during these two hours, I'll make you a delicious lunch."

"Is that true?!"

My master's cooking is truly at the level of the royal palace. I'll try not to activate it even once. Wait a minute!

"If I activate it more than six times, what will happen, Master?"

---I can't believe it.

"Isn't it obvious? There will be a meal, but before that, a harsh punishment is waiting for you."

"Of course!!"

"Iris, let's do our best for the luxurious meal."

"Let's do our best, Finn-nee!"

---After parting with Master, Iris and I are acting together. Both Iris and I are extremely nervous. We were able to act with peace of mind and had fun because Master had been with us until now. True adventure is supposed to be this tense.

It's completely different from earlier.

"Finn-nee, even though we're not that far away from master, the atmosphere is completely different from earlier, right?"

"That's how a true adventure is supposed to be. I didn't expect it to be so different just because Master isn't here. Iris, be careful, there are enemies around!"

"Huh? I know there are enemies, but I can't see them."

This is camouflage! It's a technique that completely hides one's form by blending in with the surrounding background.

There's only one enemy. We can handle it somehow.

"Iris, the enemy is currently in front of me. Move to the back and concentrate your magic on your eyes! You should be able to see them then."

"Got it. Oh, there it is! It's faint, but I can see it. Finn-nee, watch out!"

As soon as I took my eyes off Iris, the enemy was right in front of me! It's a chameleon knight. I think it's an assassination-type evil tribe.

"Kuh!" *clang*

I managed to catch it with my mithril claws, but it's bad! A kick is coming from the right.

"Gah!"

"Finn-nee!"

I immediately guarded, but this guy is also good at martial arts. My right arm is numb.

"Kuaaaa!"

"Ku, then take this!"

I quickly used liquid nitrogen for ice magic. After the war ended, Master was busy, so Riffia-san taught me the principles and methods of liquid nitrogen. She taught me very clearly, so I practiced it many times at night and was able to make a palm-sized liquid nitrogen. I put it in the chameleon knight's eyes.

"Gyaaaaa~!"

Either because of the pain or because of the fainting, the camouflage was released. Now's the chance!

"Lightning Fang, haa!"

Lightning Fang is a technique that compresses and enhances the thunder energy of Thunder Fang. I slashed the chameleon knight with it.

It was dangerous, but we managed to defeat it.

"Finn-nee, that was amazing! What did you put on the chameleon knight's eyes?"

"I put liquid nitrogen on it. Riffia-san said it's the ultimate ice magic that can freeze anything. She said Master taught her too."

[Amazing! I had no idea that such a thing existed.]

[But now, the level of ice magic is low, so making palm-sized liquid nitrogen is the limit. Riffia was able to make it rain liquid nitrogen over a wide area to attack the enemy.]

[Still, it's amazing that you can make it at all. "High Heal," are your arms feeling okay?]

[Yes, they're completely healed. Thank you. Now, let's resume our exploration.]

Afterwards, we encountered the demonic tribe six more times before meeting up with our master. Two of those times were ambushes, and we couldn't avoid them. We were hit by an instant-death attack once and magic attack once, and honestly, it was frustrating. We hadn't been careless or overconfident. The enemy's concealment was so subtle that neither Iris nor I noticed it at all. Through this exploration with just the two of us, we realized that we had relied too much on our master. Without him, how many times would we have died? I really wanted to become even stronger.

Chapter 62: Power leveling

At noon, when I met up with Finn and Iris, their expressions had changed. Yes, it was the right decision to let them go on an exploration. Lately, they had been relying on me too much since they were always with me. But since they would eventually leave, they needed to become stronger mentally as well. Now, I have prepared the first evil tribe for power leveling, but just defeating them would be too boring. Let's also raise our skills.

"Finn, Iris, good work. You both look good."

"Master, I realized painfully that I relied too much on you before."

"Onee-sama, we want to become stronger."

That's just right.

"Well then, from noon on, we will hold the first power leveling tournament."

"Power leveling? Can we become stronger with that?"

"Onee-sama, I will do anything to become stronger!"

Since it's the first time, let's keep it simple.

"Normally, if you gain experience by fighting evil tribes, you can become stronger. However, even if you encounter evil tribes of the same level in the dungeon, you have to defeat quite a number of them to level up just once. That's too inefficient. That's where power leveling comes in. There's quite a difference between the level of this dungeon and the level of Finn and Iris now. If you can defeat a large number of evil tribes in a short time, you will level up considerably."

"Master, is that possible? Even on the first floor, I accidentally

triggered that magic with a surprise attack or magic attack and died instantly. With me and Iris now, it's impossible to defeat a large number of them in a short time."

"That's why I'm here. I've collected about 40 evil tribes on this floor and put them in two spaces. I've also left all the collected evil tribes in critical condition."

The expressions on the faces of the two changed. They seem to have understood.

"Onee-sama, we just have to defeat those evil tribes at once with Finn and me, right?"

"I didn't know there was such a method. But wait, Master. If we do that, we will certainly level up drastically and improve our basic abilities, but our skill levels will not increase."

"That's right. That's the disadvantage of power leveling. Skills are supposed to grow gradually as you gain experience. To compensate for that even a little this time, I'll have you defeat the evil tribes with the techniques or magic that you can currently use at your limit."

"I see, if we defeat them using all the techniques we currently have, our skill levels will also increase. Master, are we doing it now?"

Both of them are full of motivation. It seems that a lot happened during the exploration earlier.

"After we have lunch, as promised, I'll treat you to a feast. But before that, let's call Jin and Rikka back."

When Jin and Rikka were called back, they had refreshing expressions on their faces. They had caused quite a stir, and seemed to have relieved a lot of stress.

"Master, this dungeon is really interesting! The Evil race is also

somewhat strong, making it perfect for a warm-up."

"I was able to move my body after a long time."

"How far did Jin and Rikka go?"

"To the 9th floor!"

"They only encountered A-rank creatures from the 6th floor, so it was good warm-up exercise for them."

They went up to the 9th floor in just a few hours. That's an incredible pace. Even A-rank creatures are just a warm-up exercise for Jin and Rikka. Well, that's natural.

"Alright, I'll start making lunch now, so take a break."

What should I make for today's menu? Oh, that's right, all four of them wanted garlic rice, so let's make garlic rice, steak, salad, and fruit, and make hamburgers as a new addition. Hamburgers weren't available in the capital or Sphereart. I'll teach Gail the recipe later.

-----The meal is complete! The hamburger turned out pretty good for a first try.

"Alright, it's ready."

When I turned around, everything was ready and all four of them were sitting at the table. I just need to bring out the hamburgers I made last.

"U-Uh, Master, what is that round object? It smells really good."

"This is a hamburger. It's a dish that is loved by a wide range of people from adults to children in the world where I used to live. You all said

you wanted steak, so I didn't make it."

All four of them had a look of despair on their faces, as if it was the end of the world.

"Hehe, I'm just kidding. I made it for you guys."

I took out four hamburgers from the item box.

"Yayyyyyy!"

"Alright, let's eat."

All four of them started eating at once. I think to myself every time, they eat with such enthusiasm. By the way, during breaks, we use "Creature Leave" so the Evil(Demon) tribe doesn't invade.

"Master, as soon as I cut into this hamburger, the juices overflowed, and it's so delicious. It's truly the ultimate dish. Steak is also good, but hamburgers are also great. There are so many delicious dishes in the world where Master used to live."

"Onee-sama, personally, I prefer hamburgers over steak."

"Master, I really like hamburgers! They're delicious!"

"I prefer steak more."

As expected, hamburger is a universal dish...

After lunch, it was time for the first power-leveling session. 40 Evil tribe members were trapped in two spaces with a depth of 10m each. First, I lowered 20 of them to the ground for Finn to defeat.

"Finn, defeat these Evil tribe members with your strongest technique or magic."

"Can I use all of my magic?"

"Yes, you can. I'll transfer some to you later."

"Okay, I'll give it a try."

Finn's atmosphere changed. What kind of technique or magic would she show?

During the festival after the war, Finn and Riffia didn't talk much except about cooking. At that time, Riffia helped Finn with her concerns. She seemed to have fallen in love with Riffia's "Diamond Rain" and asked her to teach her how to use liquid nitrogen. Finn can use it now in small amounts. Since liquid nitrogen evaporates quickly, it is difficult to maintain it in a liquid state. How far can Finn go with her current level?

Oh, liquid nitrogen appeared. It's getting bigger and trying to form a shape, but it's unstable. She's also using storm magic in addition to ice magic. This is quite difficult to control. What is she planning to do?

"Finn, don't rush it. Take your time to shape it closer to your ideal."

She seems to have calmed down, and the liquid nitrogen has become more stable. And now we know what Finn wants to make. Probably a dragon. She wants to turn the liquid nitrogen into the shape of a dragon and add storm attributes to make it seem alive. She wants to use it against her enemies. Hmm, this is definitely not going to work out as planned. In a way, the current situation is scarier. The liquid nitrogen looks like a zombie dragon, making a hissing sound. This is probably her limit.

"Haa, haa, I'm at my limit! 'Absolute Dragon!'"

A zombie dragon about 5 meters long screamed and hit the dying Evil tribe. The Evil tribe screamed and froze, shattered into pieces. Well, I guess it was a success for the most part?

"Hmm, I understand what Finn wanted to do, but the form was a zombie dragon, the control was too sloppy, and there were too many inefficiencies. I'd give it 30 points for the aforementioned reasons."

"Ugh, only 30 points for going all out to the limit! How strict."

"It's far from complete. However, if it were completed, its single-target attack power would exceed Riffia's 'Diamond Rain.' It just needs more training. Good luck!"

"Yes! I'll definitely complete it."

Finn's level increased to 25 after defeating 20 B-class monsters. The basic ability value is around 4500. Yeah, with this, if he uses 'Magic Cladding' he can barely fight against A-class monsters.

"Finn, check your level."

"Huh! My level is 25. It was 22 when I cleared the C-class ruins, so it went up by three. My basic ability value is also around 4500."

"Finn, you're amazing! Next is my turn."

"Now, Iris, try to push yourself to the limit like Finn did."

I wonder what magic Iris will show us.

Yeah, electricity is running through the space where the Evil tribe is. Iris is also trying to create something with fire magic and storm magic. Oh! A large tornado of fire rises. This is called Fire Tornado. Hmm, it's still low in power and has a narrow range, but when did she start casting fusion magic? She compresses it more and more, and it

becomes the form of a large dog. The image is solid, and it's cute. She surrounded the large dog with space magic. Hey, is it okay? She's using three attributes at the same time. Looking at Iris, it seems quite difficult. Oh, the large dog jumped into the space where the Evil tribe is and released the space magic.

--- 《Dogoooooooooon》

Then, a big explosion occurred. I see, she separated the water in the air into hydrogen and oxygen with electricity, put fire in the space filled with it, and caused a hydrogen explosion. All the Evil tribe members inside died and some of them became drop items.

"I see, you applied what you heard from me to your magic. That's amazing."

"Yes! How many points did I get?"

"Well, around 50 points."

"What! Only 50 points? That's low."

"Master, Iris did it better than me, and it was more beautiful too."

"Well, that's just the appearance. The fusion magic that Iris used was the 'Firestorm,' right? First of all, its power is low.

There's no need to make such a big deal out of creating magic. You can compress it to a certain extent in your imagination and then release it as a dog. And then, the most important thing is that it was fixed with my spatial magic, so the explosive power was strong. If it hadn't been fixed, the energy of the explosion would have been dispersed and the power would have been reduced."

"Ah, yes! That's exactly right."

"But the attack method isn't bad. What you need to do now is practice more fusion magic to improve its power and get used to using

multiple spells at once. Now, check your level."

"Wow! Level 23. My basic abilities have also improved a lot. Can I really level up so easily?"

"You're at level 23, and your magic power has also reached 7,000. Like Fin, you'll be able to handle A-class opponents.

You won't have much trouble fighting up to the 5th floor against B-class opponents. Traps are a different story though.

The next power leveling will be on the 2nd floor. Now, shall I transfer my magic power to you two and move on to the next floor?"

Chapter 63: Recognition of Power

The first power leveling is over, and we're currently on a break. Oh yeah, while we have the chance, let's give that weapon to Jin.

Currently, I'm flowing my magic into orichalcum and creating a new metal that is harder than orichalcum and has a higher magical conductivity through "material conversion," but it still seems to take a long time to complete. I've experimented with various materials and found that when using "material conversion," it's easy to convert to lower-grade materials, but the higher the grade of the material, the more magic is required and the longer it takes to convert. The metal I want to create is something that is considerably higher than orichalcum.

So, as an experiment, I tried to see what would happen if I advanced adamantite by one grade. Adamantite is one level lower in hardness than orichalcum and has two levels lower magical conductivity. Fortunately, there were two adamantite swords, so I flowed magic into both to the limit, formed an image based on orichalcum as a reference for comparison, and imagined adding space-time magic to the sword as a trial, and activated "material conversion." Three days later, the sword was completed. The original adamantite sword was blackish in color, but the new sword was completely jet black. The name was also changed from "Adamantite" to "Lonsdaleite." When I shook it, it was easier to hold and a sword that matched my image was completed. As a bonus, I found out that it was possible to add space-time magic to "Lonsdaleite."

This was very exciting. It was an unexpected harvest that I could add space-time magic even though I did it mostly on a whim.

As a result of the experiment, the jet-black sword became: **My personal "Lonsdaleite Sword"**

Name: Shiden

Addition: Space-time magic "Meteor Rain"

Jin's personal "Lonsdaleite Sword"

Name: Murakumo

Addition: Space-time magic "Gravity Breath" (Superior version of spatial magic "Gravity") In this way, it became a considerably powerful weapon.

Jin and Rikka, along with Finn and Iris, are taking a break and enjoying the afterglow of lunch.

"Jin, there's something I want to give you."

"To me?"

"Yes, you're good at martial arts, but from now on, you'll need more than just martial arts. So I'm giving you this sword."

"Are you giving me this amazing sword? But what material is it made of? It's not adamantite or orichalcum, yet it has the same hardness as orichalcum."

"The material of the sword is Lonsdaleite, which is one grade advanced from adamantite using 'material conversion.' It's a special metal that has space-time magic 'Gravity Breath' added to it."

"What! Can I really have such an amazing sword?"

"Yes, the name of that sword is Murakumo. Make sure to train your swordsmanship and spatial magic in this dungeon. It might be a good idea to spar with Rikka."

"Thank you, Sasha-sama. I will devote myself to living up to the name of this sword."

"Aww, Jin, that's so cool!"

"Rikka has claws, right? The hardness of those claws is on the same level as Orichalcum, although they cannot be enchanted with magic. They should be more than enough to handle your techniques. In addition, those claws are only usable by Rikka, and I have also enhanced your body to prevent the claws from injuring you internally. Your current strength level is the same as Jin's. (Since they are stored, only Rikka can use them)"

"What! Did you say that I'm as strong as Jin? Oh, I'm so happy!"

Phew, it seems that Rikka is also satisfied.

"Oh, by the way, once we reach the entrance to the sixth floor, I'll call the two of you back."

"Sasha-sama, are you going to challenge the Zombie House?"

"Jin, no, it's exactly as you said. There are two reasons for this: it's a major shortcut, and there's a clear bonus for clearing it."

"But I heard that it's quite difficult, are you sure you'll be okay?"

"Hehe, certainly, encountering the unknown is high difficulty for people in this world. But from my perspective, it's a bit easier since I've already experienced it. However, there are still some concerns. If it becomes too much, we can find a statue of a goddess and retire."

"Understood. Until then, I'll release my stress by sparring with Rikka."

With Finn and Iris and Rikka's consent, the break was over.

Currently on the fourth floor, the floor type is a forest. Perhaps due to getting used to the first floor, they were able to clear the second and third floors without any problems. They were also able to respond firmly to surprise attacks from the Evil tribe. Therefore, on this floor,

Finn and Iris are exploring the stairs to the fifth floor by themselves.

Now, I'm alone and acting alone. In my case, if I make even a little noise outside,

"Ahhhhhhhh!" thud

Here it is. You either scream and faint or run away as fast as you can. They won't let me fight. Well, my power leveling is supposed to be the clear reward for the zombie house, so it's fine for now. I want to try using my newly made sword,

[Purple Lightning], since my Mithril sword's durability is about to run out. Hmm, there are three evil creatures ahead. The Orga Knight, Adamant Wolf, and Black Viper, perfect for a test slash. Other adventurers like Finn and Iris are not in the direction of the evil creatures. Let's try using a finishing move. I've never used one myself, so I want to see how much power it can unleash. However, I can't go all out, so I'll just use the minimum amount of magic needed to activate the finishing move.

I activated "Meteor Rain" on Purple Lightning, compressed the energy to the limit, and aimed it at the space where the evil creatures were located, flying towards the ceiling. Then, I sealed off the entire space within 100 meters of the evil creatures to prevent any sound or impact from escaping. And finally, the finishing move was activated.

----- As a result, everything, including the evil creatures and the forest, vanished except for the ground and ceiling.

However, the sealed-off area pierced through the ceiling and floor and turned into magma, making it impossible to get close. If I hadn't sealed off the space, this dungeon itself would have been destroyed. Once again, I've gone beyond what humans can do and entered the realm of gods. I need to learn to control my power better. If I don't, I might end up destroying Spheretalia. There is also a fight with the mastermind. By then, I'm sure I'll be able to use it with ease. Let's brace ourselves and continue the journey.

We gathered evil creatures for power leveling and met up with Finn and Iris. After leveling up, we left the 4th floor and moved on to the

5th floor, which was also a forest.

"Master, did something happen? You seem a bit tense."

"Do you understand? I used a finishing move on three evil creatures on the 4th floor. Thanks to the space magic that I used to seal off the area, there was no damage around them, but the area within about 100 meters of the evil creatures was scorched. If I calculate the power in the sealed space, the dungeon would have been destroyed if I hadn't used space magic."

"Master, what are you doing!"

"Onee-sama, it's too dangerous!"

"I had no choice. I wanted to know my current strength because I haven't really fought with my full strength before. I never thought that a finishing move with minimum power would be capable of destroying the dungeon. From now on..."

"Master, please never do that again without telling us."

"That's right. Please at least inform us beforehand."

Oh well, they're so worried.

"Okay, I'll do that. But you two are back to normal as always. You adapt to the environment so quickly."

"It's all because of you, Master (Sister)!!"

Did I do something wrong?

"Anyway, there are fewer traps in this forest, but the evil race's skill

usage is much better compared to the surface. Since we're on the 1-5 floors, the zombie house from the 6th floor will be challenging to conquer. Can you both handle it?"

"Y-Yes, we're fine. We're getting used to the forest type. So far, we haven't fallen into any traps, and we can handle this---

--Ah~~~! Hiii~~~!"

Oh no, they were careless and fell into a simple trap. The trap is straightforward. When someone steps on the area where the trap is set, a robust vine made by the dungeon system wraps around the person's feet and lifts them 10 meters into the air, flipping their head and feet upside down and hanging them from a tree.

"You fell into it because you were careless. If you were wearing a skirt, you'd be in trouble. Look, the evil race is targeting you, Finn."

"Huh? Are we going to fight in this situation?"

While hanging from the tree, a chameleon owl is targeting Finn's throat with a dive. Finn avoids the owl's claws, but she can't counterattack while hanging from the tree.

"Ugh, it's so annoying. Then I'll use 'Wind Rifle.'"

Wow, that's a good idea. She aimed at the chameleon owl's dive with "Wind Rifle," a wind magic spell, and shot it down.

She then cut the vine and defeated the chameleon owl.

"Finn, you've become able to handle it calmly."

"Why are you both so calm about this?"

"Oh, you're used to the forest, right?"

"For some reason, Finn doesn't seem to be in danger."

"Well, it's a good thing I'm wearing shorts. If I were wearing a skirt, I wouldn't be able to get married."

Well, that's true.

"Iris should be careful of that trap."

"Why? What do you mean?"

Fin looked at Iris and explained to her, "Imagine Iris right now, hanging like Finn was, and Ariel witnessing it. Do you understand what I mean?"

After a while, Iris turned bright red and said, "No! I absolutely don't want to show that state to Ariel!"

"That's why both of us need to be careful," Fin replied.

"Why is our master not worried? She doesn't seem to be cautious of traps," Iris asked.

"In my case, I constantly circulate magic throughout my body, so I can immediately tell where traps are located. Even when I'm sleeping, I can deal with assassins who appear through teleportation. If you both circulate magic throughout your body all the time, you can do the same. It may be tiring at first, but gradually, magic will accumulate in all your body tissues, and you will be able to instantly discern the opponent's movements and traps," I explained.

"So, does that mean that you are constantly circulating magic, even when you are awake or asleep?" Iris asked.

"Of course. This is a different world. We never know when, where, or who might attack us. We can only trust ourselves."

Even if you have your favorite boy by your side, you should not let your guard down. Evil tribes or thieves might suddenly appear and attack us in the city," I explained.

"I see, master, but that means we cannot relax," Iris replied.

"I am relaxed. I am still relaxed even now," I replied.

"Why can you relax with that mindset? If everything around you is an enemy, I would not be able to calm down," Iris asked.

"Well, my martial arts teacher taught me that since I was a child. It seems that my teacher had experienced several disasters and lost both parents and friends at that time. So, my teacher taught us diligently to prevent us from experiencing the same thing. At first, I was exhausted, but I gradually got used to it, and now I can relax while naturally observing my surroundings," I explained.

"Your teacher was amazing. Thanks to that teacher, you are here now, master," Iris said.

"Master, I will train myself to circulate magic naturally like you do," Iris added.

Fin and Iris had no trouble dealing with B-rank enemies even on the fifth floor, thanks to power leveling. They arrived at the staircase leading to the sixth floor without getting caught in any traps. They did power leveling on this floor as well, but their level increase had become more difficult.

Fin's current level is 30, and Iris's level is 28. Fin's strength has grown up to Class B, while Iris's magical power is already at Class A. At this point, the divine protection is working at its maximum, so we should be able to fight through the Zombie House, the next level we're about to challenge.

"When we pass through here, we will be on the sixth floor. Next up is

the Zombie House."

As we descended, we saw a statue of a goddess and two large doors. In front of the doors, there was a sign that read:

"[The left door leads to the normal floor, and the right door leads to the Zombie House. There are currently 20 challengers in the Zombie House. The use of magic is prohibited until you escape.]"

"Onee-sama, are we really going to challenge the Zombie House?"

"Yes, it will be a good experience for the two of us, and there is a clear reward as well. It will save us the trouble of power leveling."

"But, Master, the use of magic is prohibited. What should we do?"

"Don't worry. Iris, equip that short sword of yours. The use of magic on both enemies and allies is forbidden, but the enchantment of weapons is not prohibited. Your Mithril short sword is embedded with a holy attribute gem called Aquamarine, which can deal great damage to zombies. Fin's Mithril claws are the same."

It was already 6 pm, and that was enough exploring for today. Since magic is prohibited in the Zombie House, we will have to camp there. We have prepared a bento box for the Zombie House, but since the two of them are already tired, we will stop here for today.

"That's enough exploring for today. It's already 6 pm. Since magic is prohibited in the Zombie House and we won't be able to rest, let's call Jin and Rikka back for now."

When Jin and Rikka were summoned back, Iris asked a question.

"Hey, Onee-sama? You didn't make a reservation at an inn, did you? Where are we going to stay?"

Hahaha, you're very observant. Ever since I became a evil god, I've

been secretly using time-space magic to create an accommodation facility in another dimension. The rooms are like traditional Japanese inns, with a large bath and all necessary equipment prepared.

"I have prepared an accommodation facility in another dimension for times like this. We'll move there now and take a rest."

As I cast the time-space magic, a door appeared on the dungeon wall.

"That door leads to the accommodation facility."

"Sasha-sama, normally, it's impossible to travel to another dimension. You would need an enormous amount of magical power (evil power) to do it. So how are you able to do it so easily?"

"If its you, master, then anything goes, right?"

"Most things can be done by my onee-sama, you know."

"I want to eat dinner quickly."

"Is that really okay with you guys?"

Jin can be a good straight man (tsukkomi). Also, I can't do everything, you know.

Chapter 64: Zombie House Capture – Part 1

"Where is this, Master?"

"Onee-sama, I can see a big mountain from the window?"

This is the lodging facility I built. It's a Japanese-style inn set a little away from Mt. Fuji. As for Mt. Fuji, I'm just projecting my image of it onto the window.

"This room is recreated based on my hometown. The mountain you see outside is Mt. Fuji, which is the tallest mountain in the country."

"Wow, it's such a tall mountain!"

"Onee-sama, is it okay for us to take off our shoes even though we are inside?"

"It's fine. The room we are sitting in is a Japanese-style room, and the matting under us is called tatami. You must absolutely not wear shoes on it. If you come in wearing shoes, you'll be punished without exception. Well then, I'll serve dinner now."

The main course this time is shabu-shabu. Of course, it won't be enough, so I also prepared tonkatsu and karaage with a different seasoning than usual, as well as hamburgers. Let's try making fried rice, gyoza, and pasta next time. Lately, everyone has been asking for the same dish, but they will get bored of it eventually.

Every time, I feel like my meals are a battlefield. Maybe it's because the seasoning is different this time, but everyone's eyes are bloodshot.

"You guys, eat slowly and relax."

"It's impossible, Sasha-sama. Everything is so delicious. Especially the shabu-shabu. The flavor is a bit light, but I can eat as much as I want. Is there no rice?"

Except for Rikka, everyone is eating silently. They probably don't want to lose their share of the conversation.

"We'll eat the rice at the end this time. It's called zosui, and it's eaten at the end of the meal."

-----Dinner is over. Everyone had a blissful look on their faces.

"Master, the last zosui was amazing. I don't feel so full now."

"Uh, Onee-sama, I can't move."

"Sasha-sama, thank you for the delicious dinner every time."

"Sasha-sama, the zosui was really delicious. I knew it was the last one."

Hehe, it seems like everyone is satisfied.

"In a little while, let's take a bath. It's spacious and very comfortable."

After the break, the four of them except Jin entered the bath. When they opened the door, there was a large public bath.

"Wow, what is this size?!"

"Onee-sama, did you make this alone?"

"Well, it's because it's connected to an alternate dimension where an evil god is present, so I can use my unique skill. I just made it easily with my imagination."

"It's so spacious! Sasha-sama, let's swim together. Ahahaha~"

Although the public bath is not a place for swimming, it's okay because it's large. When they got in the bathtub, the temperature was comfortable. My imagination is perfect. Or rather, I feel like I could bring the culprit here and kill them once they're revealed.

"Ah, it feels good, doesn't it?"

"Onee-sama~, it's so warm and feels great. I can't believe we're going to the Zombie House tomorrow."

Yes, the Zombie House. If we summarize the information we have so far:

1. The appearing locations are every 5 floors.
2. There was a large mansion that appeared at one point with evil tribe on the roof and mysterious interior decorations.
3. To clear it, you have to complete at least 3 tasks.
4. Magic is prohibited.
5. Only zombies appear as evil creatures, but they can be in human or animal form.
6. If bitten, you won't become a zombie, but you will be in a severe poison state. If left untreated, you'll die within 24 hours.

That's about it. Well, let's leave the rest to look forward to after we get in.

"Everyone, be careful not to stay in the bath for too long or you'll get dizzy."

The four of them happily took a bath together and talked while washing their bodies. After bathing, maybe due to exhaustion, everyone fell asleep quickly.

By the way, after we got out of the bath, Jin also took a bath alone. Although it must have felt liberating, it seemed really lonely to be alone in such a spacious bath.

Everything was prepared, and we arrived in front of the right door on

the sixth floor. Oh, the content has changed from yesterday.

[Zombie House. The current adventurers are 10 people. Magic use is prohibited until they escape from the Zombie House.]

"Wow, the number of adventurers has decreased!"

"There are 10 people other than us. We might meet them somewhere. Anyway, it's just right for Fin and Iris's training.

However, be careful because my magic effect will also disappear. If you take it lightly, you'll really die."

"Yes, ma'am!"

We opened the large door that led to the Zombie House.

-----It was a forest that spread out in all directions. However, the atmosphere was clearly different from a moment ago. It was really the atmosphere of ghosts or zombies appearing. There was a narrow path, but it was still a one-way road. The back was a wall, which means we had to go forward.

"Onee-sama, that atmosphere is completely different from the forest up to the fifth floor. It's scary. My body is trembling."

"Master, me too. What is this feeling?"

The two of them have never experienced this before. Come to think of it, in this world, souls with emotions such as grudges are brought to the Evil King.

"For me, this feeling is like déjà vu. It reminds me of a haunted house. In the world I came from, there are entities called

"ghosts" without physical forms. Ghosts can appear anywhere, and no physical means can harm them. Moreover, they stare at you with frightening eyes, so they are pretty scary! Occasionally, there are ghosts that materialize and cause mischief (probably). -- Right now, there is a ghostly woman with long hair behind Rikka and Iris!"

"Meowwww~!"

Rikka hid behind Jin, and Iris hid behind me.

"Just kidding."

"Don't scare me, onee-sama."

"That's right, Sasha-sama!"

"Iris aside, why is Rikka scared?"

"I don't know. She's trembling."

I wonder if it's instinctual fear?

"People fear things they can't see. If you imbue your magic or weapon with holy attributes and attack, ghosts and zombies can be cut and purified, so don't worry. We don't know if a ghost without a physical form will appear in the Zombie House, but Fin and Iris have the Aqua Marine gemstone, and Jin and Rikka can use holy attributes, so there's no problem.

But Jin, come over here for a moment."

Jin and I moved a little away from the three of them and confirmed something.

"Sasha-sama was right. Let's tell them right away."

"Wait, there's no need to tell them. Let's move forward without informing Rikka, Fin, and Iris of anything. Let's let those three feel the tension and challenge the Zombie House. Especially since Rikka has a tendency to run recklessly, it's perfect. I've already given the item to Jin, so give it to Rikka later."

"I understand. It will certainly be good practice for Rikka."

We returned to the three and announced our plan.

"First, let's explore this one-way road while searching for a way to clear this level. When we split up, Sasha, Fin, and Iris will go together, and Jin and Rikka will go together. We'll probably split up later. Now, let's go."

"Yes!"

While being careful of our surroundings, we walked down the road, and there was a Japanese-style gate made of a big tree. Why a tree? Why a Japanese-style gate if there is a Western-style mansion ahead? There was a signboard next to the gate.

[Mission 1 Escape the premises of the mansion in the correct order. Anyone who uses the wrong order will be forcibly eliminated to the surface.]

"Sasha-sama, what does this mean?"

Jin seems confused.

"Let me make it simple. I, Jin Rikka, can destroy the entire mansion and escape if I wanted to. But that's not the right way to do it. It's cheating to use brute force. Cheating is not allowed."

"I see, using brute force is prohibited. Be careful, Rikka."

"Why are you telling me? Jin should be careful too!"

Rikka seemed to be the first one to drop out. Well, let's move on.

As I opened the gate, there was a large mansion in the distance, with a road leading to it. Then, we heard growling coming from the forest.

"Oh my, Master, are those zombies?"

"It seems so. This is where it all begins."

"Oh, onee-sama, from what I've seen around us, the zombies nearby are only of class D."

"Really? As we progress, just like in our world's games, they'll become stronger."

"Games?"

Oh, the first zombie appeared.

--- Um, listen, it's fine that it appeared, but something's not right. I mean, sure, it's a zombie.

But why is it a courier zombie? That's strange!

It's definitely scary. But what's with this unsettled feeling in my heart?

"Jin, it's coming out. It's creepy. Defeat it."

"You're so annoying, but fine."

Oh, Jin defeated it with his holy attribute dagger.

"Oh my, Master, they're appearing from everywhere. There are even

animal zombies.”

“Everyone, keep advancing while defeating them. They'll probably keep coming endlessly.”

“Ugh, onee-sama, let's go quickly.”

All the zombies that appeared were Japanese-style. From townsfolk, couriers, monks, merchants, and more, they were all terrifyingly realistic zombies. There was even a zombie dog, but it wasn't a Doberman, it was a Japanese breed such as a Shiba Inu, Kai Inu, or Kishu Inu. They were all so cute, making it really hard to defeat them.

Their way of walking was just like the zombies in that game, but they were Japanese-style. Well, I guess the adventurers haven't seen anything like this before. Maybe because it was the early stages, the speed of human zombies was slow, so they defeated a few dog zombies and reached the gate in front of the mansion.

"So we'll be fighting against those things from now on. Master, aren't you scared?"

“Ah~ I'm not scared, more like exasperated. These zombies are a bit different from the ones I know. Well, let's finally enter the mansion.”

I told everyone the types of zombies that had appeared earlier, just in case.

Since they were Japanese-style zombies,

"Gigiii~"

---As I opened the gate, there was a large Japanese-style mansion standing before us.

Chapter 65: Zombie House Capture – Part 2: Zombie Attack When I opened the gate, there was a large mansion that looked like it belonged to a nobleman. However, despite its size, the mansion was

built in a Japanese style, entirely made of wood, with onigawara tiles lining the roof. The design of the house was quite intricate, and it harmonized beautifully with its size, giving off a strong feeling of the Sengoku period. I wonder who designed this zombie house. The atmosphere, the mansion's design, and the people who were reminiscent of the Sengoku period all came together perfectly. Whoever created this must have studied Japan in this world quite extensively. Was it Sphere? Or perhaps it was Saria? Well, it doesn't matter. Maybe I'll find out once I reach the bottom floor.

I thought about trying to go around the mansion, but there was a wooden fence blocking the way. I could easily destroy it in a moment, but that would probably be cheating. The entrance was quite far away. When I looked to my right, I saw what appeared to be a dojo.

"Master, what is that building on the right? It seems different from a residence."

"That's a dojo, a place where people practice martial arts such as swordsmanship and unarmed combat. Everyone is training there. But this is a zombie house, so I'm sure the zombies are also training there."

"Wow, they train there! But they're zombies..."

Finn seemed interested, to some extent.

"Jin, Rikka, why don't you explore around the mansion? There may be items that we need to escape. These things are scattered all over the place for us to find. Anything suspicious should go straight into the item box. And we don't know what kind of weapons the samurai zombies might have, so put them all in the item box. They may be useful later."

"Yes, understood."

"Sasha-sama, I want to come with you! It's scary alone!"

"No. Besides, the three of us will be entering the mansion, so we'll be

the ones facing even scarier things."

"Ah! Then Jin and I will patrol outside."

After persuading Rikka, they decided to split up, and the meeting time was set for 11 o'clock.

"Is it true, onee-sama, that it's scarier inside?"

"Yes, it is. The scariest thing in the mansion is the sudden attack. They come without warning, and you don't know where they're hiding. But that's true in our world, not necessarily here. Let's go."

Both of them were visibly intimidated. It was their first time experiencing something like this, so it was understandable.

Ah, that's right! I should give them that item while I still can.

"Finn, Iris, I'm giving you this small box."

"Master, what's inside?"

"For now, you can't open it. There is a possibility that we might be separated in the future. If there is a life-threatening situation for you and I cannot solve it alone, then you can open it."

I think they understood that I'm serious.

"Understood."

As we arrived in front of the door of the mansion, as expected, it was a sliding door.

"Huh? There's no handle?"

"Fin, it's a sliding door. You open it like this." *Sound of sliding door*

"Oh, there was a door like that."

When we entered, since it wasn't well maintained, it was quite dirty and creepy. There was a sign that said, "Take off your shoes here."

"It looks similar to my master's room." As they said, we took off our shoes and put them in the item box. The path split into three directions. They seemed to understand my intention, and both of them shook their heads with tears in their eyes.

There was no choice, we'll go left. As we walked down the left hallway, there were several rooms along the way, but we couldn't enter them because there were padlocks on the center of the sliding doors on both sides. When we turned right at the end of the hallway, we could see a garden to the left.

"It's beautiful, Onee-sama and Fin-nee. Somehow, it calms me down."

"That's right. It's well-maintained."

"Ah! Master, what's that?"

As Fin pointed in a direction, a samurai zombie was performing a trial cut on a straw doll.

"Uaaaahhh!" Swish

Wow, the straw doll was sliced beautifully. Moreover, the cut was clean. It's not just good swordsmanship, it's at the level of swordsmanship. That sword is also good.

"Huh? What was that just now? I couldn't see the sword at all."

"That was not a sword, but a katana. Swords have two edges, but

katanas have only one edge, and they have a curve to increase cutting power. And the technique just now is called Battoujutsu or Iaijutsu, where you unsheathe the sword from the scabbard and strike with one move or deflect the opponent's attack and strike the finishing blow with the second move.

The zombie who tried it is generally called a samurai. Be careful, that samurai zombie has the skills of a master."

That samurai zombie seems dissatisfied. Something seems to be about to happen.

"Uaaaah, not enough! Just by cutting such a straw doll, the true value of this sword, [Sunhachi], won't be apparent!"

Wait, did a zombie just speak?

"Hey, you girls over there, let me test my sword on you!"

Suddenly, without warning, the zombie came running towards them. And it was quite skilled too. Its target was me!

"Uuuhh!"

"What are you doing all of a sudden!"

I thought of dodging to the back, but Finn and Iris were right next to me, so I drew my beloved sword, [Shiden], and faced it. This power was undoubtedly of Class A. I see, this is a tactic of surprising the opponent by occasionally deploying a Class A level fighter. The sword it was using was also quite powerful.

"Uaaaah, you're good, aren't you?"

"You're quite skilled yourself. Finn, Iris, watch how I fight closely."

While still in a deadlock, I jumped and landed in the middle of the

garden, then moved away. This time, I made the first move. I slashed with all my might, but its parry was excellent. As my momentum was completely killed, it followed up with a left uppercut kick. I parried it with my right arm and retaliated with a left uppercut kick to the right shoulder of the samurai zombie, making it stagger back about ten meters.

"Ah, guh..."

"What are you going to do? The winner has already been decided, hasn't it?"

"Uaaaah, I am a samurai! I won't run or hide. I'll stake everything on this blow!"

I see, so it's betting everything on the upward slash since its right shoulder isn't functioning properly. Well, I'll go along with it. If the samurai zombie is going for an upward slash, then I'll focus on a downward slash. We both ran at the same time, and at the moment of contact, the winner was decided.

"Ah~! Magnificent!"

The samurai zombie collapsed and disintegrated due to purification, leaving only the sword [Sunhachi] behind.

"Alright, got the sword."

"Wow, Master, that was an incredible battle. By concentrating my magical power into my eyes, I was able to understand the last move. Even if the samurai zombie had attacked me, I think I could have handled it."

That's because I had made sure to set their speeds equal to each other.

"As for you, Iris, although you've also figured out some things, it seems like you wouldn't be able to handle it."

"In Iris's case, if you encounter it, just stab a short sword into its foot without hesitation. If you stab it in the head, which is its weak point, while it's unstable, you can easily win. But I'll let you know, you don't have to be as honest as I am and engage in a fair fight."

"Oh, I see. I felt like I was talking to a human. I'll be careful. What are you going to do with that sword, Onee-sama?"

"This is a highly efficient sword infused with wicked magic. By combining it with my own magical power, it can become a considerably powerful weapon."

I put the knife in the item box and immediately used "material conversion". That's right, if I'm going to convert materials, I should convert them into claws for Fin. Unlike with the Shiden, this time I'll add holy magic attributes to the claws themselves and add a hole for inserting a gemstone. Hmm, I can imagine it, but I don't have enough knives. Well, this is the Zombie House, I'll have Fin gather them. It'll be good training for combat and will give her practical experience.

"Alright, it's Fin's turn to battle. Give it your all and face it head-on."

"Yes!"

After the battle in the garden ended, they advanced further and arrived at the kitchen. As expected, someone was using a knife? But their clothing was strange. It wasn't the typical clothing for a kitchen. Moreover, the knife was too small to be a kitchen knife. It was more like a surgical scalpel. And the clothing looked like that of a nurse. It felt completely out of place in this environment.

"Ah~~~ one, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine... Ah, I'm still one short. Hand over your scalpel~~~!"

Ughhhhhh!"

What is this, some kind of horror movie? This is turning into a "scalpel house". What will Fin do?

"Fey~~~! Nooooo! Don't come~~~! Don't come~~~!"

Ah, she's completely confused. But unconsciously she focused magic on her right arm's mithril claw and struck down the scalpel woman. By the way, this scalpel can really cut well. Hehehe, it will be useful.

"Fin, Fin, calm down. She's already been defeated."

"Huh, when did we defeat her?"

"Even though you were confused, you focused magic on your mithril claw and purified her in one blow."

"Liar! I don't remember anything."

"From now on, be careful not to get confused."

"I'm sorry, but I felt confused because the clothing and the short sword felt so out of place with the environment, and then she attacked me. I'll be careful."

I see, both of them noticed the oddness. Even though the Zombie House seems to be in harmony, anyone would get confused if something like that was brought here. While they're confused, the chances of being killed are high.

"Both of you, be careful of that feeling of oddness in the future. When you feel it, something will definitely happen, so be conscious of it."

"Yes!"

When they searched the kitchen, they found not only scalpel but also several kitchen knives. Let's take those too.

"Excuse me, does anyone else feel like we're thieves, onee-sama?"

"Why? This is a zombie house. Everything here is an item. It's a waste not to use it. Let's make use of it."

"That's true, but... am I the only one who feels weird about this?"

"Don't worry, Iris. I felt the same way as you."

Oh? There are three keys here. We can use them to unlock the padlocked room! And if we add the scalpel we obtained this time, we can transmute that sword, Sun Hachi. Let's do it right away. I wonder how many days it will take.

"Now that we have three keys, let's keep moving forward."

On the way back, there were three rooms locked with padlocks, but we only had one key. For now, let's try that one. This looks like a children's room with balls and kites. Oh, I found a statue of a goddess!

"Master, if there's a statue of a goddess, this place must be a safe place, right?"

"It seems so. Well, if anything happens, we can touch the statue of the goddess and retire here."

"Onee-sama, this is a children's room, right? Is there anything cute here?"

"Balls and kites. They were often used for children's play in the world where we originally lived. Should we take them with us too?"

"Yes, please tell us when we have time."

Hehe, Iris seems to like them too. I'll teach her when we have time to relax. Suddenly, I saw a desk next to the statue of the goddess, and something like a diary was placed on it.

"What is this?"

"Master, judging from the handwriting, is this a child's handwriting?" Some parts are unreadable, but summarizing what I can read, it looks like this:

April 3rd Lately, the town has been weird. Everyone seems absent-minded. What will happen to us?

April 7th Everyone is getting thinner day by day. Is it a disease? Is it related to the recent ????

April 9th My friend ??? became strange. Suddenly, she started screaming and biting everyone.

April 13th Everyone is turning into monsters. Those bitten will turn into monsters within 24 hours. I have also been bitten.

I don't want to become such a monster.

April 14th It must be because of the ????. It's over. I can't, any, more. My consciousness is... keeping ----.

Hmmm, I don't know if this is a true story or a work of fiction. Let's assume it's a true story for now. What caused everyone in the town to become zombies? The important parts are unreadable. In a game, it would be a man-made virus, but considering the era, it's impossible to create a virus that kills people in the Sengoku or Edo periods. So what could be the cause?

"Onee-sama, everyone is pitiful. They must have become zombies due to some cause. So let's use our power to purify them and let them rest in peace."

"Master, I also think so. We can't just keep saying we're scared. We have weapons with holy attributes, so let's use them to purify the zombies."

I've heard that the Zombie House has already been cleared once, so there's a high possibility that this is just a made-up story. However, if Saria and the mastermind are involved, there's a possibility that they may have brought in ancient residents from my world. So, we have to seriously consider the Zombie House.

"Yes, let's purify them with weapons with holy attributes. That's the only way."

Finn and Iris are also motivated, so we need to investigate this seriously. I feel so embarrassed now, as I was doing something akin to theft just a moment ago. Finn and Iris have made me realize that.

From now on, let's take this seriously and move forward.

Chapter 66: Zombie House Capture - Part 3: The Staircase Trap

Leaving the children's room, they returned to the entrance hall. There, they encountered a zombie servant, which Iris dispatched. At first, she was scared, but after psyching herself up, she was able to use her short sword to slay the zombie.

Perhaps due to the holy attribute imbued in the weapon, it only took three strikes to purify the zombie, even without targeting its weak spot.

Now, they were back in the central entrance hall of the mansion's first floor. There was a staircase in the center leading to a room beyond it. As of now, there were only two keys as clues to escape.

"Let's go to the room in the back of the center," she said.

As expected, the door was locked, but they were able to open it with a key they had. Inside, judging by the size, it seemed like a place for holding meetings. Looking up, they saw three ninja zombies clinging to the ceiling. Judging from their appearance, they were indeed ninja

zombies.

"Fin, Iris, you know what to do. Take them down without hesitation," she said.

"Yes!" they replied.

The three ninja zombies jumped at them all at once.

As expected of ninja zombies, they were quite fast. However, they leaked a bit of killing intent. If that was the case, Fin and Iris should be able to handle it. She was able to slay them easily, but I wondered how Iris was doing. Iris seemed to understand that her ability was the lowest, so she just kept receiving the ninja's swordplay without moving. Then, she found a slight opening and was able to purify the ninja with a short sword that concentrated magical power on that point.

When she looked at Fin, she seemed to have some trouble. As she got used to the enemy's speed, she regained her composure and was able to counterattack and slay the ninja. It was a decent performance.

"You two seem to be fine," I said.

"Master, it seems like there's nothing in this large room," Iris said.

"It's not like that. They called themselves ninja zombies, but if there are ninja zombies, then there's a high probability of hidden passages existing," I said.

"Huh? Hidden passages?"

"Yes. There should be one in Redenburg as well. In case the castle is attacked by evil forces, there are emergency hidden passages. When you become a master ninja, you can completely hide your presence and killing intent, and assassinate someone using a hidden passage without anyone noticing. If there are ninja zombies in this mansion, then there must be a hidden passage somewhere. As a classic example,

it could be behind that hanging scroll over there."

"Oh, onee-sama, I found it, but it's locked with a padlock."

"Gack, why did they have to put it in such a predictable place?"

"This key won't work. The other entrances lead to the garden we saw earlier and the opposite side, but they're also locked with padlocks, and the key doesn't fit. There's no point staying here any longer, so let's go back to the entrance and either go to the second floor or think about going down the right corridor."

As I was pondering my options, I heard, "Oh, Onee-sama, there's a ball on the stairs. I'll go get it."

A ball? There wasn't one there a moment ago. This could be bad, a trap!

"Finn, stay away from the stairs. Iris, come back here."

Iris was about to pick up the ball in the middle of the stairs when suddenly, the uneven surface disappeared, and a large trapdoor appeared on the first step of my staircase. This is bad! I tried to grab onto a protruding section, but at that moment, Iris slipped and fell down the hole. There was nothing I could do.

"Nooooooooo~!"

"Finn, I'll toss Iris over to your side. I'll attack from underground, so you guys team up with Jin and Rikka and attack the first and second floors. I'll take care of Iris. Finn, catch her~"

I tossed Iris over to Finn just as the trapdoor closed, and I fell into the darkness below.

Iris's Point of View

It was my fault that onee-sama fell into the trap. If only I hadn't gone to the second floor without caution...

"Iris, can you hear me? Iris!"

"Y-Yes!"

"Don't have time to feel down. Master will be okay since he's an evil god and won't die. There's no point in regretting what's already happened. Let's just be careful from now on. We'll team up with Jin and Rikka and attack together with four people."

"Uh, yes, I see. Let's switch gears."

I see, let's make use of this failure next time.

"It's 30 minutes until the meeting time. Let's check the hallway on the right from the entrance until then."

Together with Finn-nee, we walked fearfully down the hallway on the right and found a room and a door leading outside.

We were able to enter the room normally, where there were many clothes that were similar to the ones the samurai zombie was wearing, but with some differences. Was this a dressing room? We searched the room, but couldn't find any items.

"Finn-nee, what should we do with these clothes? They don't seem useful at all, do they?"

"Well, they might come in handy for something, so let's take them all just in case."

When did this mansion come into existence? According to one-sama, it was from around 500 years ago, during the time when her older sister

from the previous world was still alive. She said that they might have been pulled into this world around 500 years ago. If possible, I would like to purify everyone. When we opened the door leading outside, we saw a road leading to a large house in the distance. That was the house we saw from the mansion gate. Onnee-sama called it a dojo. I wonder if there's anything there?

"Scream---! Wait, that's not a zombie, is it?"

"Iris, let's go check it out." When we entered the dojo, there were about 15 people in samurai zombie-like outfits sitting formally. And three adventurers were lying dead. What's going on here? "They were killed by zombies, right?"

"I think so, but there's something strange... huh? The three adventurers are moving!" Ugh, it's so creepy. A person whose left shoulder to right thigh was slashed, a person whose head was almost cut off, and a person whose left chest was pierced and impaled were slowly walking towards us, making strange noises. "Finn, are we being targeted?"

"Yes, we are."

"Uhhhhh,"

"Ahhhhh,"

"Uuuuuuu."

Finn started moving, so I followed suit.

"Iris, I'll take the zombie in front, and I'll take the two in the back."

"Yes!"

When I went to the adventurer zombie, he attacked me with a sword. Huh? But he's slow. This dungeon is A-class, so this adventurer should be A-class too, but why? No matter how many times he attacked me, he's slow. In that case,

"Slow! There!"

I stabbed a short sword into his neck from the big gap on his right side. The adventurer zombie was purified and collapsed. It's kind of disappointing. Finn was also stunned because she could easily purify him. Maybe he wasn't completely turned into a zombie because he had just died?

While we were thinking, an old man zombie with hair up to his shoulders and a mustache came towards us. Oh, I didn't notice at all. That's right, there are fifteen samurai zombies here! Huh? Come to think of it, I haven't felt any signs of them attacking since earlier.

"Uaaah, do you want to compete too? If you beat five of us, I'll give you the famous sword, Kotetsu [Izayoi], passed down in my dojo. How about it?"

Uh, there's no way we can beat five of them. But these people are also wandering around the zombie house.

"--- I can tell that the Kotetsu [Izayoi] placed there is quite powerful. Judging by its length, it's perfect for Iris. Let's accept this challenge!"

"That's just reckless! Let's at least wait until we meet up with Jin and Rikka before coming here. Then I think we can handle it."

"Yeah, you're right. It's just the two of us, we might not be able to handle it if something happens. Alright, let's cancel the match."

"Ugh, then leave from here!"

Finn and I left here together and returned to the entrance of the mansion.

"Finn, it's crazy to try to beat five of them. The zombies we fought earlier had a lot of strong evil spirits coming from them."

"Yeah, but I want to fight. I want to see how far I can go with my current strength."

That's reckless.

"Let's at least consult with Jin. If we make the wrong choice, we could end up like the adventurer from earlier."

For now, we left the entrance and waited for Jin and Rikka to come back at the gate of the mansion. They returned in about 10 minutes, and we explained the situation about the missing oncee-sama. Then, they made a grim expression.

"I'm sorry, it's because I went up the stairs recklessly."

"That's fine. Sasha-sama is not the problem. There's no way she could be in any danger. But Finn, are you planning to challenge the five of them? There's a possibility that you could die."

I see, everyone believes that they'll be absolutely fine if they have her as their oncee-sama

"Yes, I understand. But I want to test my own abilities now. And the item we might receive if we succeed could be useful somewhere. Please let me do this!"

Oh, Fin-nee, you're really motivated.

"---Are you serious? A dojo, you say. I see, I sense a strong evil energy. With Fin as she is now, the chances of success are fifty-fifty. Let's move to the room where the statue of the goddess is for now. We'll

have lunch there."

"Jin, can you make lunch?"

"I received a lunchbox in advance from Sasha-sama. She gave it to me so that I could have it in case we got separated."

"Oh, I see. Let's eat quickly and go to that dojo where you can beat five people. I want to see how far Fin can go."

As usual, Rikka is unchanged. Is it okay as long as she's having fun?

"Iris, don't worry. I'll help you if something happens. If that happens, both Fin and I will be expelled from the zombie house. But it's better than Fin dying."

"Yes, please."

Jin is reliable after all. After moving into the mansion and having lunch in the children's room, I asked Jin and Rikka about their progress.

When they were subjugating the zombies around the mansion, they said that initially they just cut them down without using the holy attribute, but it seemed that they kept coming back even after being defeated. So they started using the holy attribute to subjugate them, and it seemed that the same zombies didn't appear anymore. After all, it's necessary to purify all the zombies. Probably, in addition to fulfilling the mission, there should be a condition to clear the zombie house by purifying all of them. It's pitiful that the souls in the zombie house of Marco Ruins are trapped forever. Let's definitely purify them all. I definitely can't handle the zombies in that dojo. Fin-nee has to do her best. It's cheating when it's dangerous, but I can heal with magic.

"Alright, we're ready. Let's go to the dojo!"

"Hey, hey, Jin, can I try the five-person knockout after Fin is done?"

“Well, probably not. The purified zombies never returned.”

“Oh, right. Hmm, too bad. I'll just watch then.”

“Oh, you're getting smarter, Rikka. I thought you would challenge it before Fin did.”

“Boo, that might give Fin an advantage, but it's not fair if we don't do it fairly.” Oh, Rikka seems smarter. Oh, Jin is patting her head.

“You've become smarter. That's right.”

“I don't feel happy even if I'm praised by Jin. I want to be praised by Sasha-sama.”

“Rikka, I'll let you know when we meet up with master.”

“Really! Thank you, Finn. Good luck.”

We arrived at the dojo. When we opened it, the five-person elimination match began. Good luck, Finn!

Chapter 67: Zombie House Capture - Part 4: Killing Five Zombies at Once The perspective switches between Jin, Finn, and Iris.

Jin's Perspective

So this is the dojo. Inside, fifteen samurai zombies have closed their eyes and entered a meditative state. The zombie who could be considered the master of this place has arrived.

“Oh, are you here to attempt the five-person elimination?”

I glare at him with a fierce killing intent, but as the master, he manages to endure it. His legs are trembling, though. It's likely the

same for the other samurai zombies. Perhaps they still retain some emotions.

"I, Finn, will be taking on the challenge."

When Finn says she'll take on the challenge, it's clear that everyone else is relieved. They still have some semblance of self-awareness, which means their souls might still reside within the zombies.

"Oh, I understand! The rules are simple. If you can defeat five opponents in a row, you win. Item use is prohibited. If anyone interferes, everyone in this place will be disqualified and have to leave the ground. Finn, come to the center."

It's finally starting. Finn's current strength is around 6,000, and her first opponent's strength is about 5,000. She probably knows that she doesn't need to use her full power.

"Begin!"

The opponent makes the first move. He only has one sword, which could be considered swordsmanship, but his level isn't that high. As I expected, his movements are easy to predict. Finn easily dodges them.

"Too slow!" Span

"Gaah!"

She purifies him with a downward strike. Huh, what's this? Everyone shows a slight surprise on their faces. Are they surprised by her purification? The zombies in this dojo still retain some self-awareness. I don't know if Finn realizes this or not, but it's better not to tell her.

"Oh, next, second person!"

The second opponent's strength is around 6,000. It would be an even match without "Magic Cladding" Finn mercilessly uses "Magic

Cladding" This time, she tries to read her opponent's movements and circle around to attack his chest from behind, but she stops herself. What? Did she change her mind because it would be cowardly to do so?

"Aaaah!"

Huh, why is that zombie angry that he wasn't killed? Finn moves in front of him and points her weapon at him. I see, Finn wants to stop him head-on. The zombie understands that and points his sword at Finn. They both run towards each other and cross paths. Finn remains standing, and her opponent is cut and purified. The zombies are also surprised to some extent here. But the master here doesn't ask any questions. No, can't he ask? Is that how he was designed?

"Oh, next, third person!"

The third person's ability is around 7000. Moreover, they are clad in evil energy, albeit a little. Finn noticed it too. As the third person, their swordsmanship level is also quite decent. They can parry Finn's attacks with their body techniques, and their attacks are also decent, but their level is slightly lower than Finn's. Taking advantage of a slight opening, Finn sliced off the opponent's right arm and slashed down from above. This is going as expected. The problem is the fourth and fifth people. The fourth person's ability is around 8000, and the fifth person's ability is around 9000. Depending on the enhancement of evil energy, the difference between the fifth person's skill level and Finn's skill level will greatly affect the outcome. Now, Finn, this is the crucial moment.

Finn's point of view:

Finally, the fourth person. They're getting a little stronger with each person that comes out. The third person felt a little weaker than me. The next fourth person is probably about the same as me now. They're out! As expected, they're strong.

But I'll show them.

"Ah~hajime! Jo, jou, gu, ga-"

Wait, what was I trying to say just now?

"Finn!"

Ah! That's bad. I let my guard down and was caught off guard. The opponent is right in front of me now.

"Gaa!"

A sharp thrust. But I can parry this. I won't lose!

"Ha!"

I parried the opponent's thrust to the left and attacked their left chest, but they also parried it with their left arm. The opponent's face is right in front of me. I need to make an unexpected attack. - A headbutt.

"Ha!"

"Gya!"

Alright, I need to back off for a moment. That was dangerous earlier. If Jin hadn't called out to me, I would have been seriously injured. Phew, alright! With the fifth person waiting, I can't afford to prolong the fight. Let's try that. I've learned the Blink skill now, but it's only level 3. However, by concentrating my magic clad on my feet, I can raise Blink to be comparable to Teleportation. Of course, there's a high chance that the area with thin magic clad will be targeted, but I've also trained in magic manipulation to instantly restore it. To get even stronger, I have to take another step forward, even if it's dangerous. Don't be afraid. I'll do it!

I extend my left arm straight towards the opponent as a threat and keep my right arm with my claws pointed at the opponent, pulling it

back to the limit like a spring. I stand with my left foot slightly forward and my right foot slightly back, focusing my magic clad on my feet. The opponent also realized that I was about to make a move. They don't come at me forcefully, but wait for the right moment. Here I go!

"Thrust Fang!"

DON (*sound of impact*)

In the next moment, the nails on my right arm pierced through the opponent's chest. Alright, success! First, concentrate magic in my legs and jump into the opponent's guard. At that moment, gather magic in my left arm and pull it back. At the same time, transfer the magic from my left arm to my back muscles and bring it to my right arm. The moment the magic reaches my right arm, thrust it forward. This is the thrusting technique performed in an instant, the claw technique "Thrust Fang". It requires advanced magic manipulation, so I couldn't use it until now, but thanks to power leveling, I succeeded

for the first time. The opponent seemed to be instantly purified. Alright, I have enough power left. Although I am a little tired from the previous technique, I should be fine with this much. Next is the fifth and final person. Let's face them with all my might.

Huh, what's wrong? The fifth person isn't coming out. Let's take a break until they appear.

--- 5 minutes later

"Ahh, I'm the fifth person. This is the last match. Let's go, let's fight!"

Oh, you were right next to me! I was a little surprised, but this is the last match, so I'll do my best.

--- What is this? I feel like sweat is pouring out of my whole body. This zombie is strong. There are no openings at all, and the pressure is incredible. Don't lose, don't get swallowed. Let's go! I attacked.

"Haaah~"

This person is evading attacks with minimal movements, even though I'm using magic to vary the tempo of my attacks.

Unbelievable!

"Kaaa!"

What! The thrust is fast and sharp! I can't avoid it. I won't lose!

"Guah! Haa, haa"

I managed to avoid a direct hit, but my left shoulder was grazed. This zombie is definitely strong. I can't use "Thrust Fang". It requires charging up, so I'll be killed as soon as I start to get into position. What should I do? There are no openings even now. So I'll keep attacking until an opening appears.

"Haaah~"

--- No good. I've tried attacking many times, but there's no opening at all.

"Haa, haa, haa"

"Kaaa!"

There's that thrust again. And this time, it's a combination attack. I'm barely managing to hold on, but it's fast and heavy.

What should I do? I can't find an opening no matter how much I attack. How can I win? Master, master.

--- Ah! I remember now. Master told me that before.

[Haa, haa, haa, it's impossible to beat the master. Even if you attack, they won't show any openings, and if there is an opening and you attack, it's a trap and you'll get punched in the stomach.]

[You know, superior enemies, especially those of A-class or higher, have been through many battles and have rich experience. Unless you're on the same level, you can't expect them to show any openings easily!]

[Eh! Then, does that mean that lower-level opponents can never beat higher-level opponents no matter what they do?]

[That's not true. It's a dangerous move, but if there are no openings, intentionally create an opening and lure the opponent in. At that time, a gap will definitely be created, so strike with all your might. However, the obvious invitation I showed to Finn earlier is not good. Don't let the opponent realize it! This is an absolute condition.]

"Don't let the opponent realize it. It's a gamble, but there's no choice but to do it. "

"Haa!"

Somehow, I managed to create some distance. The only technique I have that can defeat that zombie is "Thrust Fang." It's dangerous, but I'm going to do it!

As soon as I got into the stance for "Thrust Fang," the opponent sheathed their sword. That's a stance for drawing the sword. Anyway, there's no other way. I'm going to bet everything on this one blow.

"Raaaahhh!!!"

The moment when the zombie and I crossed, the match was decided.
My-----

Iris's perspective

Finn-neesan, that was amazing. She purified the fourth person with a new technique.

"Jin-san, this should be okay, right?"

"Well, I don't know. It might have been a mistake to use 'Thrust Fang' on the fourth person."

Huh, why? I defeated an enemy at Finn-neesan's level with a finishing move in one blow. I don't understand.

"Oh? The fifth person isn't coming out yet?"

"Is that old man trying to get revenge from earlier? He's giving Finn a little break. "

"Huh, why?"

"When the fourth person's match started, he tried to say something. Finn noticed and took her eyes off her opponent.

Perhaps that act was not to the old man zombie's liking. In return, he's giving her a break. These guys in the dojo still have some sense of self after all."

"So, if they still have a sense of self, does that mean their souls are in the zombies?"

"Yeah, that's right. I don't know how they managed to escape from the evil tribe, but they've been trapped in the zombie house for over 500 years! - - - That's just too pitiful."

"Jin, Iris, the fifth old man zombie has appeared in the center."

Oh, that zombie is the fifth one. The match has started. Neither of them is moving. No, Finn-neesan can't move. That zombie is strong. Even from my perspective, I can't see any openings in their evil energy. How is Finn-neesan going to attack?

Finn-neesan moved. But even though she attacked so freely, she didn't land a hit.

"That Finn is skillfully varying her pace. There's no easily predictable attack like there was in the early days. Thanks to Sasha-sama's training."

"Jin-san, the opponent zombie is easily avoiding those attacks, though."

"That just means the opponent is stronger."

"What, the zombie just made a thrust attack? It was so fast that I hardly saw it. Finn is also holding her left shoulder."

"This is bad. Even if we fight normally, Finn has no chance of winning. But that zombie is strange. If he wanted to, he could have killed Finn with that thrust just now. "

"What?! Are you saying the zombie is playing around?"

"No, that's not it. He might be luring Finn. If there's a chance for Finn to win, it's with the 'Thrust Fang'. But the zombie has seen it once already. If Finn uses it again, he'll just counter and kill her. Trust Finn."

"Oh, okay..."

Ah, Finn-nee has assumed the posture of the Thrust Fang. The opponent is in a sword-drawing stance.

"Well, I expected that. If you're up against a fast Thrust Fang, a sword-drawing stance is the best."

"This is not the time to be impressed."

Goddess Sphere, please let Finn-nee win!

Finn-nee and the zombie cross paths.

-----And then, blood spatters from Finn-nee and she falls.

"No, nooooo! Finn-nee! Jin-san, why didn't you help her?"

"It's obvious. Finn won."

What, oh, Finn-nee stands up. Why did so much blood come out?

"That Finn, she's become a step stronger at this critical moment."

"What do you mean? She was slashed with the sword."

"Oh, didn't Iris see what was going to happen next? To put it simply, Finn foresaw what would happen. She knew that if she continued like this, she would be cut for sure. So just before the intersection, she concentrated her magic power on the part of the sword that would be cut. But her magic control was weak, so she couldn't completely block the sword strike and was cut on the surface of her skin. It was a flashy spurt of blood, but not a serious wound. After being cut, she concentrated all her magic power on the mithril claws on her left arm and sliced her opponent in half. As a result, she won."

"I'm glad. I thought Finn-nee was dead."

I'm so glad, really.

So, is the match over now? There won't be a sixth participant, right?

Boom

Someone kicked down the front door.

No way, the sixth participant really showed up!

Chapter 68: Zombie House Capture – Part 5: First mission completed?

POV of Finn :

Huff, huff, huff. We won, somehow we managed to win.

"Well done, Finn." the zombie grandpa said while walking towards me unsteadily with a small sword in his hand, and handed it over to me.

"This is --- the small sword [Izayoi]. Take it with you!"

"Uh, thank you very much."

He can speak!

"I am grateful to you for saving me from the curse of the zombie house. Please save the others too."

"Yes! We will definitely save them."

"I appreciate it."

The zombie grandpa said that and was purified and disappeared.

When I tried to return to Iris,

BAMMM

Someone broke through the front door.

"Oh, it's Wataru. I won't give the small sword to anyone!"

Yes, the one who came in was the merchant zombie that my master had mentioned, but it was clearly different from the zombies we had encountered so far. It had muscular arms and was stronger than the teacher zombie we had just defeated.

What should I do? I barely have any magic left. It's charging towards me ~.

"Oh, it's Wataru."

It attacked me! My body wouldn't move, I'm going to be killed! I closed my eyes, but nothing happened? Why? When I opened my eyes, Jin-san had intercepted the punch.

"Finn, you had a good fight earlier. You have become stronger."

"Oh, thank you, Jin-san."

Huh! Is Jin-san angry about something?

"Even though we had a good fight, a nuisance has appeared. I cannot forgive people like this. --- Die!"

Hiiiiiii. Even the merchant zombie is trembling.

"Oh, no, oh, no."

Despite trying to release his captured hand, Jin remained motionless. And then, he released the hand of the zombie merchant and slashed it

in a cross shape with his beloved sword Murakumo.

"Ahh! No, no, the kodachi is mine! Everyone, kill them!"

Oh, could this zombie merchant be the owner of the mansion!

"Truly terrifying obsession. But, it was a pity. You're finished now. Ha!"

"Gyaaahhhh! Damn it!"

Ah, the zombie merchant has finally been purified.

"Finn-nee, are you okay? Here, take this potion and magic potion. Drink it."

"Oh, Iris, thank you."

Ah, it's delicious. My wounds are closing up, and my magic power has also recovered by about 20%.

"I did it, Iris. I received the Kodachi [Izayoi]."

"You received it, huh? No, you didn't! I thought you were dead."

"Ahaha, sorry for worrying you."

"Jin, Finn, Iris, I've purified all the zombies in the dojo."

Looking around as Rikka said that, everyone certainly crumbled and disappeared.

"Hey, Jin, does this mean we cleared it?"

“No, not yet. Even if we defeat that zombie merchant, nothing will change. To clear it, we have to either defeat all the zombies or escape from the mansion.”

"Come to think of it, the last zombie grandpa in the match said, 'Save everyone from the curse of the Zombie House.'"

"That match was amazing, Finn. You've become stronger," praised Rikka. I was happy to hear praise from both of them as they had never been complimented before.

"Finn, the last zombie and the disciples' zombies in the dojo still retained their consciousness. In other words, they became zombies while still harboring their souls,"

"Really?! Then there must be others in the Zombie House who have also harbored their souls," I realized.

"Yeah, there should be other zombies who have retained their souls. I don't know how they escaped from the evil tribe, but we'll report it to Sasha-sama when we meet up with her."

I thought that the people in the Zombie House had all lost their souls and were taken by the Evil King when they became zombies, but it turned out that there were those who escaped. However, they became zombies while retaining their souls, so their consciousness remained incomplete. Somehow, I want to liberate all those who have retained their souls and those who have not, just like the old man zombie said.

Wait, where did these people come from? I've never seen these clothes or buildings before. I'll ask my master later since he knows about them.

"Oh, right. Iris, I'll give you the kodachi (short sword) 【Izayoi】."

"Oh, thank you. This kodachi is very easy to handle."

It looks good on her.

"As I thought, 【Izayoi】 is a magic sword. I can feel the power of the people in the dojo. It probably became a magic sword because it received their power for a long time. Iris, this magic sword hasn't had any attribute added to it yet. Since you're a saint, if you add holy attributes to it, it will become a holy sword or a holy blade. But before that, Finn, talk to the kodachi. Currently, you're the owner of the kodachi. Explain the situation to the kodachi and make Iris the owner."

"Oh, okay, I understand."

Even though the kodachi doesn't have a will, it watched me fight. I held 【Izayoi】 and explained in detail what kind of person Iris is and what she will accomplish from now on. Then, 【Izayoi】 started to shine and moved on its own, landing on Iris's hand.

"It seems like Iris has been recognized. But depending on her actions from now on, she may also be abandoned. Be careful!"

"Yes, I'll do my best."

I searched through the dojo, but there was nothing new besides the swords the zombies were equipped with, so I returned to the child's room with the statue of the goddess.

"Phew, I'm tired. I don't want to take on another five all at once. "

"Of course, Finn-nee. It's too dangerous."

"But Finn's gotten stronger, so it should be okay. Let's hurry up and wipe out all the zombies in the mansion and meet up with Sasha-sama."

"I searched the entire estate earlier, and there were no zombies

outside. However, there were quite a few zombies underground, but their numbers have decreased considerably. It's because Sasha-sama is wreaking havoc down there.

Don't go down there, or you'll get caught in the crossfire."

"We're definitely not going down there. We don't want to get slashed by Sasha-sama!"

So that means they're all in the mansion. When I search for their presence, there are five on the first floor and six on the second floor.

"If they're all in the mansion, let's start cleansing each room we can enter."

That makes sense. Rikka hasn't even thought about escaping. Even though she was so scared at first, she's gotten used to the zombies without realizing it. After discussing it, Rikka and I will take the first floor while Jin-san and Iris take the second floor.

"Rikka, you haven't gone beyond the door that leads to the dojo yet."

"Okay, then let's start there. Hey, this is the big staircase, right? The one with the trapdoor?"

"That's right."

"Hmm, there's a trapdoor here. Sasha-sama probably noticed it and deliberately fell down herself."

"What do you mean?"

"After she saved Iris, Sasha-sama could have come back without using magic. She must have known there was an underground area. That's why she didn't come back."

Ah, that could be true.

"Rikka, you're pretty sharp sometimes."

"Are you praising me or picking a fight?"

Rikka says while clenching her fist.

"---Of course, I'm praising you!"

I hesitated for a moment. When we passed through the door to the dojo, there was a zombie dog. And then, Rikka quickly purged it without any hesitation. I didn't even get a chance.

"Only four left~."

The door to the room was locked, as if the zombie dog was guarding it. Will this key open it?

Click

Yes, it worked! When I entered, it was a relatively large room, and there were three zombies inside.

"Alright, this time--wha--"

"I got them all~~~!"

What? That was fast. I didn't even see it! I thought I had gotten stronger, but now I'm losing confidence because of Rikka!

"What's wrong?"

"Nah, I was just thinking how amazing Rikka is. Anyway, there's a lot of papers here, so let's investigate. "

"I'm not good at this kind of thing. Let's leave it to Finn!"

"Ah, just as I expected! Haha, that's fine. Hmm, there are a lot of documents here like contracts, but they don't seem relevant. Hmm, I wonder if there are any documents related to the zombie house somewhere?"

Dogan

"Huh? What?" When I turned around, Rikka had broken the desk.

"Finn, I didn't do anything! I just climbed on top of the desk, and then it broke."

That's not cheating, right? Hmm? What's that? There's a rectangular box among the debris of the desk. "Rikka, isn't that an item next to you?"

"Huh? Oh, you're right! I wonder what it is? Let's open it and see." Just as I was about to open it and check the contents, I heard a voice. "All the zombies on the estate have been completely eliminated. As continuing the mission is meaningless, we consider the first mission cleared. We will transfer you to the entrance of the second mission in 10 minutes."

"Huh, the mission is cleared. My master and Jin-san must have finished purging them. As I thought, it's not just about escaping, but also clearing all the zombies to complete the mission. Yes! Oh, what should we do with this item here? And we only have 10 minutes left, we won't be able to check everything."

"Why don't we put everything in the item box?"

"Hmm, yeah, I guess that's the only option."

By the time they finished putting everything in the item box, 10 minutes had passed.

"Phew, we made it just in time. We can finally reunite with my master."

"I'm getting hungry. I want to eat something."

"When we reunite with my master, let's have a snack."

[10 minutes have passed, we will transfer now]

Oh, the transfer has begun. I wonder if we can reunite with my master.

Chapter 69: Zombie House Capture - Part 6: Brief Rest

Returning to Sasha's perspective :

The underground passage looked like a sewer, but it seemed like it was man-made. There were a few rooms, but for some reason, there were only swords placed inside. They were probably collected by a sword enthusiast, but the owner of the mansion had no eye for them. Most of them were just junk, but there were a few good ones, so I kept them.

Ah, I want to go back to the surface and take a bath as soon as possible. Ever since I was dropped into the underground, I have only been fighting rat zombies. There were too many of them, so it was annoying. After a while, I started using shockwaves infused with holy power to purify them indiscriminately. However, I could tell that their numbers were decreasing little by little, but there were still too many of them. In the end, I used an "intimidation" attack infused with holy power to purify all of them. I wonder how many of them were there?

"All the zombies on the mansion grounds have been eliminated. Since there is no point in continuing the mission, the first mission is considered cleared. You will be teleported to the entrance of the second mission in 10 minutes."

Oh! I can clear the mission just by purifying all the zombies. Even the

rat zombies won't come out at all once they're all gone, so I thought maybe that would be enough, but now I can go back to the surface. Well, if the zombies disappear, the thrill of escaping will be greatly reduced. The person who made the zombie house probably included it as a clear condition in the background setting. Let's meet up with Finn and exchange information. Now, what will the next second mission be? Will it be something like escaping from the city or rescuing someone?

Oh, the teleportation has started. I can finally meet up with them.

Everyone was gathered at the teleportation destination.

"Phew, we finally managed to meet up."

"Nya! M-Master, it smells like rats here."

Not only Finn, but Iris, Jin, and Rikka were also holding their noses. With such a large group, it's bound to smell, you know. I know that too!

"It can't be helped. When I fell underground, there was a huge group of rat zombies. Of course, it's going to stink. If Iris had fallen into a pit, she would have been covered in rats too."

As soon as I said that, Iris turned pale.

"Oh no! Thank you for saving me, Sister! I'm really scared of rats."

"Well, if you had fallen, you would have turned into an Iris zombie. Oh? What happened to that short sword? It's not a magic sword, but a magic blade."

"Well, actually, Onee-sama---"

When I heard the situation from Iris, it seemed like Finn had done something reckless. He defeated five people, and the last opponent

was even stronger than Finn.

"Fin, even if it's for the sake of getting stronger, you can't overdo it. If you die, it's the end. Well, you did well. You're definitely stronger than when we checked your status in front of the zombie house. As a reward, I'll pat your head."

"Hehe, thank you, master. Even the grandpa zombie from the last match thanked me."

What?! He thanked you?! That means they still have their consciousness, and their souls are still inside their bodies. In other words, the zombies in the zombie house were once human, abducted from somewhere. And after being abducted, they weren't caught by the evil tribe and were made to do some settings while keeping some of their consciousness. As for the zombie samurai in the garden who spoke to us first, it's unclear whether he retained his consciousness or if it was just a setting.

"I see. That zombie must have had his soul still inside his body. By winning, Fin removed him from his settings and completely released his consciousness. That's why he thanked you. Well done, Fin."

"Yes!"

Maybe in the next mission area, there might be someone whose soul is trapped inside a zombie. We need to be careful. If we can remove their settings and find out what happened to them, we might not have to sneak into other people's houses to find clues anymore.

"Oh, Iris, try putting as much holy magic as you can into that magic sword. That way, the magic of the sword and Iris's magic will overlap, creating a powerful holy sword. After we finish with the zombie house, I'll make it even stronger for you."

"Yes, I'll try it right away!"

When Iris poured holy magic into the magic sword to its limit, the sword shone black before gradually shining a bluish-white, then the light subsided.

"Wow, sis, it's really beautiful!"

"That's the true form of the short sword [Izayoi], right?"

Now, there are no zombies around. There's a single path through the forest. We have to walk through it. Oh yeah, let's hear some information first.

"Jin, the underground area I fell into was full of rats, and there was no information related to the mansion, but did you find anything?"

"Yes, I found some important things."

Hmm, if I summarize the information Jin told me and the hypothesis I came up with, it would be like this:

Information Jin told me:

1. Some of the zombies have souls trapped inside, making them prisoners for eternity.
2. By purifying them with holy magic, we can release them from their zombie form.

Here's my hypothesis:

1. The people and animals in the zombie house became zombies due to some cause. However, it is unclear whether they became zombies in Japan or after being isolated in the zombie house. I think it's probably the latter.
2. Everything in the zombie house is something that was extracted from Japan on Earth.
3. How did they acquire everything in the zombie house? It is highly

likely that they summoned everything on a large scale, including the greenery, buildings, and humans in the area they designated.

4. The person who summoned everything on a large scale is probably closely related to the mastermind.

If that's the case, we have to purify the zombie house itself, but it's probably in a different dimension from Spheretalia.

The first mission's mansion was relatively small in scale, and we were able to purify everyone somehow, but the potential for larger scale is higher from now on. In that case, we need to understand the space of this second mission and purify the space itself with magic. Oh, but magic is prohibited within the space, but it should be okay to use it outside the space.

Well then, we have a way. Hehehe.

However, if we fail, will we be able to purify everyone like we did in the first mission? We have no choice but to do it.

"Everyone, let's first find out what the second mission is about. We should be able to find a sign if we walk this way."

After walking along the path for a while, we came to a place with no trees and a good view. The view from there was breathtaking. We are now on the mountainside, and below us is a vast castle town. And there was a big castle in the back of the castle town. Hey, it's too big in scale.

"Wow, what a great view! It's completely different from the mansion earlier. Sasha-sama, what's the name of that big building in the back?"

"That's a castle. The lord who governs this area lives there. The town spreading around the castle is called a castle town.

Of course, many people live there. Oh? Rikka, aren't you scared? You were trembling during the first mission."

"At first, I felt an unknown sensation, but I'm used to it now. The

enemies are just zombies."

"Yes, you seem to be okay for the second mission."

Even so, if they summoned something of this scale, the people of Japan at that time would have been in an uproar because the castle town and the castle disappeared overnight. Although I didn't learn about it in class, I was told that if someone went missing and couldn't be found, they were said to have been taken away by "kamikakushi." Some of the missing people were really summoned to another world, and what's more, unreasonable summoning to another world has been happening for hundreds of years.

"I won't forgive them! I will definitely find the person who created the mastermind and the zombie house and tear them apart!"

Crackle crackle crackle zap zap zap

"Ah, Sasha-sama, please control your magic!"

"Hiii! Sasha-sama, you're scary! Please control your magic!"

"Ma-Master"

"O-Onee-sama, please control your magic. "

Oh no! I completely forgot about it. Everyone is trembling.

"Sorry, sorry. I just couldn't help leaking some of my magic when I thought about how someone summoned us to this world so unfairly and I wanted to tear them apart the moment we met them."

"Master, please don't involve us in this."

"Sorry, I'll be careful. Well, we're outside the property, so there shouldn't be any zombies around. Finn must be tired too, so let's rest here for today. Rikka and Jin, go scout the area while enjoying your snacks (meat buns) and drinks. If you see any signs, check the mission details."

I gave Jin and Rikka some snacks and drinks and sent them on their exploration.

"Let's camp here today... Ma-Master, these snacks are delicious! I can eat as many as I want."

"Onee-sama, what is this meat bun? It's so delicious. Ahh, it soothes my fatigue."

The meat buns have a good reputation, I'm glad I researched them. It was quite a challenge to recreate this taste, buying up all the seasonings in Spheroid and researching them. Do you want another one each?"

"Yes, please!"

They answered immediately.

"Oh, by the way! Shishou, I obtained an item in the room that seemed to belong to the owner of the mansion just before the transfer. However, I didn't have time to read it, so I put it in the item box for now. I'll take it out and put it somewhere that won't get in the way."

What Finn brought out was a pile of documents. When I looked at the documents, they were translated into words from the other world, just like the diary in the child's room. Most of the content was contracts, delivery notes, and account books. Oh, there's a lacquered box. It can be opened normally. Let's take a look inside.

This is a... Covenant!

"I, Gento Izumi, swear to reign as the boss of the first mission. If I abandon my mission, my soul will be given to the Evil King."

"According to Finn, after defeating the five challengers, a muscle-bound S-rank merchant zombie with self-awareness appeared. They probably didn't expect anyone to achieve the feat of defeating all five, but Finn did it anyway. They abandoned their mission to rush to where Jin was to prevent him from taking the short sword, Izayoi. The residents of this mansion are pitiful, but their master is a hopeless fool.

After dinner, everyone was satisfied as usual. The menu was Chinese cuisine, such as green pepper shredded pork, stir-fried pork, and fried rice, if translated to Japanese style. The seasonings from another world have different names, but the taste is generally the same as Earth's.

"Sasha-sama, help me, I can't move."

"Rikka, you ate too much."

"But it's the first time I've eaten such cuisine. I can't move, but I'm satisfied."

Why are you bragging?

"I'm sorry, Sasha-sama. I also ate too much. I never thought the taste of this cuisine would be so different from previous ones, yet still so delicious. Cooking is deep, isn't it?"

Jin seems to have figured something out.

"I actually wanted to put dumplings in these dishes, but I didn't have time to make the dough."

"U-um, Onee-sama, what kind of dish is a dumpling? Upu~~."

Iris, don't vomit.

"A dumpling is about this size, and it becomes a special taste when dipped in a special sauce. The taste can be greatly changed by slightly changing the ingredients. In the world where I came from, everyone knows what a dumpling is. When you go to a restaurant, you should always order dumplings."

"Even master says so. It must be delicious if everyone gathers around such a small dish."

No, we don't gather around it. It's delicious, but that's it.

"I'll make it for you when I have time."

If she does, it might cause chaos. Everyone might gather around it for real.

It's good to hear the results of the reconnaissance mission beforehand. It seems that there was a signboard about 300

meters down from here. The second mission is:

[Everyone in the area, including the castle, has turned into zombies. Investigate the cause and report it to the castle lord.]

It seems that the lord of the castle has consciousness. If their consciousness is fully intact and they are a normal person, we should try to have [that conversation] with them. However, if they are like the owner of that mansion, we'll take them down immediately. But first, we need to find out the cause of the zombies. I want to know about that too. If we can talk to the lord of the castle, we'll find out right away, but if not, we'll have to investigate. Also, since the scale of this is so large,

there may be some people among the general residents who still have some consciousness left, so we should stop purging everyone indiscriminately. We need to find a way to completely restore their consciousness.

There are three things we need to do:

1. Find the zombies that still have souls inside them. These zombies must not be purified under any circumstances.
2. Figure out a way to completely restore their consciousness.
3. At the same time, go into each house and search for diaries or other clues.
4. Go see the lord of the castle. If their consciousness is fully intact, try to have [that conversation] with them.

Phew, that's it for today's work. Let's take a break!

Chapter 70: Zombie House Capture – Part 7: Commence Second Mission

The next morning, we descended the mountain for our second mission. After descending about 300 meters, we saw a sign.

Its content was as Jin had said. It seems that seven other adventurers besides us are somewhere on the vast premises.

According to Finn, three people were killed at the dojo. There is a possibility that we may come across the remaining adventurers.

"There is no change in the number of remaining people. Let's go to the castle town for our second mission."

As we descended the mountain, the expected zombie dogs, raccoons, and bears attacked us, but we defeated them.

"Master, you're merciless. Are you still angry?"

Everyone was startled, but,

"Oh, no, I'm not angry. Just imagine falling underground and being surrounded by thousands or tens of thousands of rat zombies. I just don't want to see any animal zombies for a while. We'll eliminate

them immediately if we find any."

When Iris heard about the thousands of rats, her face turned pale. When we arrived at the castle town, it should have been a lively place. However, this is Zombie House, and there were zombies everywhere. First, let's make sure they have consciousness.

"Excuse me, are you okay? What is the name of this castle town?"

"Uuuuhhhhhh"

As expected, we couldn't communicate with them.

"Master, why are you talking to them like it's normal?"

"I'm trying to see if they have consciousness. It's just a test."

Finn also seemed to be relaxed. While purifying the zombies, he talked to me.

"Onee-sama, it doesn't look like they have any consciousness left."

Yes, Iris also seems to be relaxed. She's getting used to it.

"I want to see more zombies. There are more of them now. Let's go to that dried food store for now."

When we entered the building, the zombies stopped moving and everyone moved away. It was just like the game. Maybe the creator of Zombie House was summoned from Japan. There are some parts that are faithful to the game. For summoners, depending on the content, they can receive unique skills and can even summon on a large scale, and I think it's possible to create dungeons like in the game. However, enormous magical power is required to carry out such actions.

The previous summoning from another world was about 100 years ago, and normally everyone would have died.

However, there are exceptions like me. Because my race turned into a Evil god, my appearance has remained the same and the concept of lifespan no longer exists. There may be summoners who have become like gods due to some irregularity like me. After we conquer Zombie House, let's investigate the previous summoners.

"Now, shall we split up again? How should we divide this time? Hmm, Jin will take Iris and Finn to search for zombies with souls and leave them without purification. He's currently thinking of a way to completely regain his own consciousness. Please also investigate the cause of the zombification."

"Yes, what will Sasha-sama and Rikka do?"

"Rikka and I will purify zombies without consciousness and try to invade that castle once. I want to see what will happen if we meet the lord in our current state. I'll also check if the lord has consciousness. Depending on that, our future plans may change significantly. I'll be happy if the lord still has consciousness. Depending on the information we gather, yesterday's idea might be usable. If that works, we can easily conquer the zombie house."

However, I haven't actually tried this in Japan. Since I'll be using magic, I don't even know if it will be successful. But if this works, it can contribute greatly to rewriting the system in Saria's management world. But if I do it in Japan, I'll be criticized by people who take the game seriously. If I had a blog, it would be quite controversial. I might even be forced to close my blog. Hehehe, this is the zombie house. No one will criticize me here.

I'll definitely make it a success!

"Master, you're thinking of something bad."

"Yes, she is. At times like this, Onee-sama is likely to do something close to cheating."

Oh no, they're onto me!

"I understand perfectly. Indeed, what we're planning to do in the castle is close to cheating for the zombie house creator.

But it's not cheating, so it's okay. I'll vent that rat's frustration! However, based on the current information, it won't go well. It all depends on the information from the lord. Even then, success is not guaranteed, so make sure to gather information."

"Rikka, keep a close eye on Master so she doesn't go overboard."

"Ugh, I don't want to! Sasha-sama is scary when she's like this! Finn, switch with me!"

"Absolutely not, no way!"

"Aww, come on!"

How rude. When Rikka tried to look at Jin and Iris, the two of them refused to meet her gaze with all their might.

"Don't be foolish, let's go, Rikka! Oh, and you guys, first find the statue of the goddess. It's probably in a relatively large building that looks like an inn. If I were the creator of the zombie house, that's what I would do."

"Yes, understood!"

They parted ways with Jin, Finn, and Iris and headed to the castle with Rikka. It's a pretty big castle. It's quite far from here, but let's go. Speaking of which, with such a big castle town, there should be temples and shrines. When they get to the castle, they should borrow a map.

"Sasha-sama, there are a lot of zombies. Should we destroy the entire town? It's not cheating if it's a physical attack, is it?"

"

"Who do you think you are, a god of destruction? If you do that, you'll lose clues! This time, there may be zombies that have souls in them, so check them out before purifying them. It's a bit of a hassle, but be patient."

Oh, what's that sweet smell? Where is it coming from?

"Ah! Sasha-sama, there are sweets in that shop. They look delicious!"

It's too suspicious. And the sweets made by zombies, I don't want to think about the ingredients. When they enter the shop, they see an old lady zombie drinking tea and eating manju. Or rather, is it tea that she's drinking? When Sasha approaches her, the old lady zombie suddenly opens her eyes wide.

"Ahhhh! Ahhhhhhhhh! Uuuuuuuuuuuu!"

Huh, what? I can tell that she's desperately trying to convey something, but she's only saying "ah" and "uu," so I have no idea what she's saying. But it's clear that there's some self-awareness left in her. She seems to want them to go inside the shop.

"Understood. We'll go in, so please calm down."

She takes my hand, and they thank the partition.

"Sasha-sama, sweets..."

"You shouldn't eat zombie sweets. I think the ingredients might be dangerous. They might have something in them that Rikka hates."

"Okay, I won't eat them."

When they enter the back room of the shop, they find a four-year-old

zombie suffering. When they look at the old lady zombie, she was praying to me with her hands clasped.

It clearly says, "Please cure my grandchild's illness."

Now, what should we do? If we use magic to cure it, it would be cheating. Hmm, I have no choice. I take something out of my item box and puts it on her finger.

"Sasha-sama, how are you going to cure it? It's cheating to use magic!"

"It's okay. I'm not using magic. This ring allows my magic power to flow through, so I can use it like this... Cure Heal!"

This magic removes toxins in the patient's body and can restore some of their health.

"Huh? Sasha-sama, why did you use magic? It's cheating!"

"It's okay. I didn't use magic. This ring allows my magic power to flow through, so I can use it like this... Cure Heal!"

"I don't get it, why?"

"Well, I wanted to use it when Rikka ran recklessly and got bitten by a zombie, and became heavily poisoned. I thought that it would make you reflect and behave a little more restrained. So, I didn't want to show it to you until it happened."

"Ugh, I'm not stupid enough to act without thinking~"

Well, you'll reflect on it a little now. Originally, using a recovery magic on a zombie would cause great damage to the body, but I imagined it properly so that it wouldn't affect the body at all and only eliminate what was causing pain for the zombie. The child zombie shone and became energetic again as the light healed it.

"Ugh, does it not hurt? Why?"

Lies! The zombie has completely regained consciousness. Why?

Oh, I see! I focused on not touching the child's body at all and only removing what was causing pain inside, which led to the disappearance of the zombie creator's bindings. It was an unexpected gain.

"It's okay now. I cured your illness."

"Really! Thank you, onee-chan! Grandma, this lady is amazing. I feel better, and the binding inside my body is gone!"

Oh, let's do it for grandma zombie too.

"I'll do it for grandma too. 'Cure Heal'"

The grandma zombie shone.

"Aah, aah, aah, I can really talk normally. Thank you, thank you so much. Thank you, God."

This child became a zombie while suffering from this illness. Since the soul was still present, the illness did not disappear, and she had been suffering endlessly. The only consolation was that she was set up as a normal town zombie, so she could move relatively freely.

Since the consciousness has returned, let's ask her various things.

"Grandma, I'm sorry to ask you this so soon, but could you tell me what happened in this castle town?"

"Yes, of course, I'll tell you exactly what happened."

Summing up what I heard from the grandma, it goes something like this:

1. It was a sunny day, and everyone in town was living their usual lives. However, in the evening, clouds suddenly appeared, and it became a storm. The storm continued until the middle of the night, and the next morning, it was sunny again. At this point, no one noticed anything unusual.
2. The first to notice something was wrong were the couriers. They tried to leave the castle town gate to deliver goods to the neighboring country, but they hit an invisible wall and couldn't leave the town. The townspeople were confused and hurriedly reported it to the lord of the castle. The lord here believed that the townspeople were the ones supporting his clan and he was a wonderful person who took the opinions of the people seriously and responded to them.
3. After hearing the story, the castle lord conducted an urgent investigation, but couldn't figure out the cause at all. And the abnormal phenomenon continued. Earthquakes began to occur frequently. It's not clear whether the earthquakes were the cause, but the people around gradually lost their energy, and the vitality of the town rapidly declined.
4. An invisible wall appeared, and investigations have been ongoing for about a month, but the cause remains unknown.

The residents of the town had no vitality, and finally, another abnormal phenomenon occurred. One resident started making strange noises and began biting everyone. The resident didn't respond to anything we said, only uttering "Ah" and

"Uhh." The only thing we could do was have the patrolling samurai cut the resident down.

5. From there, the residents became abnormal. Those who were bitten developed high fever and were writhing in agony, and they started parasitizing like that one resident. Normal residents were bitten one after another and became abnormal, and finally, the granddaughter who was bedridden due to illness was bitten too.

6. However, this grandmother, who had been bitten, desperately suppressed the urge to bite and the phenomenon of something invading her body to protect her grandchild. The grandchild didn't feel the urge to bite, probably because she was originally suffering

from illness. She unconsciously suppressed it. The urge and invasion disappeared after a while, but at the same time, she became unable to speak.

7. After staying in the shop for several days, when they looked outside the town, it was overflowing with abnormal people. There were also strange creatures (evil tribe) there, snatching something. When the strange creatures disappeared, the town was filled only with abnormal people. Since then, they have been desperately pleading for help whenever they find someone coming, but it never reaches anyone. They have been searching for a savior for hundreds of years, and finally found me and begged for help. They thought just by looking at me that I was the one. The intuition of the elderly is not to be underestimated.

I see. We don't know the cause of turning into zombies, but we understand how it came to this point. In any case, we need to make sure that the castle lord fully regains his consciousness before hearing the situation.

I will definitely find out the cause of this second task.

Chapter 71: Zombie House Capture – Part 8: Infiltrating the Castle

After finishing listening to the story from the Granny Zombie, it was difficult to say, but I asked her anyway.

"Granny, I think we already know, but-

"Yes, I know. All of us town residents are already dead, aren't we? My grandchild was saved. I have no regrets. Please, destroy us."

She spoke bluntly what was difficult to say. At least, let's let them go peacefully and send them to the other world.

"Then please hold hands with your grandchild. 'Cure Heal'"

I strongly imagined them becoming human even if they were reincarnated in a different world or on Earth, and cast the magic.

"Thank you, Onee-chan."

"Thank you, God. Thank you so much."

The two disappeared while expressing their gratitude to the partition.

"Sasha-sama, those two were so pitiful. But they seemed happy in the end."

"Thank you, Rikka."

That was a comforting word.

"It was lucky to meet Granny Zombie. We also found a way to regain our consciousness, so let's go see the castle lord."

After leaving the dried goods shop, we searched for zombies with souls while purifying the ones without consciousness, but we couldn't find any. So we headed to the castle. When we arrived at the gate in front of us, there were two security officials.

"Rikka, let's go from here so we won't be found by zombies."

"Huh? Purifying them would be faster, you know?"

"Probably, but when a zombie is defeated, the alarm will sound and all the zombies will attack us. If I were the creator of the zombie house, that's what I would do."

"Isn't that okay? You still have to purify them anyway, so it would save time, right?"

"Well, that's true. It's kind of fun like breaking into a dojo."

As a result, we decided to force our way in. After purifying the two

security officials, the alarm sounded as expected.

When we were crossing the bridge between the gate and the castle, samurai zombies came out from the castle and attacked us one after another. Hmm, if it were Finn-nee and Iris, we would have been outnumbered and lost.

"Ahahahaha, there are so many samurai zombies~~. That's great~~."

She's completely playing around. There are many of them, so let's follow Rikka's pace for a while. While fighting on the bridge for a while, I felt a strange presence from the third floor of the castle. Clearly aiming at us with murderous intent.

Moreover, this evil power I feel is the strongest I have felt so far. Even Rikka is in danger if hit.

"Rikka! Be careful, you're being targeted."

"Yes, I know."

Bang

At that moment, Rikka collapsed.

"Rikka! Samurai zombies, back off!"

After taking care of the swarm of samurai zombies in one go, Rikka was holding her right shoulder. Thank goodness, it wasn't her head.

"I-I'm sorry, Sasha-sama, I couldn't dodge it. It's absurdly fast!"

Bang Bang

Grabbing the bullet that flew towards her, she crushed one in anger. Calming down, she looked at the remaining bullet and saw that it was undoubtedly a modern firearm. And not just any firearm, but probably

a sniper rifle considering the distance. From the trajectory, there was a modern soldier from some country aiming at them. How dare they. I didn't think they would use a sniper rifle. But there was a nurse, so it wouldn't be surprising if they summoned modern soldiers. This was my mistake. If I had read deeper into the situation, I could have prevented Rikka's injury. For now, I would purify the area. Concentrating holy magic into my left thumb and index finger, I shoot a magic bullet at the soldier. The soldier's head was blown off and he was purified.

"Cure Heal,' Rikka, are you okay?"

"Yes, the pain has greatly reduced."

"I'm sorry. I never thought the enemy would prepare a sniper rifle."

"Why are you apologizing, Sasha-sama? It's my fault. I knew I was being targeted, but I underestimated the opponent. I never thought they would use such a powerful magic. I was reckless. It's not your fault, Sasha-sama."

This child was defending me while recognizing her own mistake. She's so smart!

"That's right, both Rikka and I were reckless. Let's be more careful from now on."

"Yes!"

Now that all the attacking samurai zombies had been purified and the soldier with the sniper rifle was gone, let's move on inside the castle.

As expected from a castle, it's a magnificent structure. Hmm, no one seems to be here. I don't sense anything from the first floor. I don't feel the same presence as that soldier throughout the castle either.

Let's hurry to the second floor.

"Sasha-sama, no one's here. There's no sign of anyone. Did we purify everyone earlier?"

"Seems like it. Let's go to the second floor."

As we advanced to the second floor, there were a few female zombies, so I purified them. Hmm, I wonder if there are any zombies with souls here? When I searched for their presence, I found one! They were hiding in the closet.

Rattle

When I opened the fusuma, two humans were trembling inside. Were they siblings?

"Ugh! Ahhhhhh!"

The boy was trying to intimidate me. Was he protecting his little sister?

"'Cure Heal,' have you calmed down? We won't lay a hand on you as long as you don't attack us. You two are also trapped in this space, right?"

The boy looked around 13 years old, and the girl around 8 years old.

"Huh? Onii-sama, I don't feel sick anymore. Ah, I can talk!"

"What? Really? You can talk! Did you cure her? Thank you so much!"

"Hehe, I'm glad you're happy. I'm Sasha, and this girl here is Rikka. We're here because we're listening to the stories of zombies like you who have souls. Can you tell us what you know? We want to find a

way to free everyone from the curse of this zombie house."

The siblings looked at each other and nodded.

"Okay, I'm Shiro, and my sister is Kayo. We'll tell you everything we know. But we have a favor to ask. We want you to help our father. Like us, he still has some consciousness left. But because of that guy--- he said something about a setting, but anyway, because of him, our father can't move freely. Our father is the lord of this castle, and he's on the fourth floor."

So their father was also affected by the setting. And he's the lord of the castle. Let's help him.

"Okay, got it. Can you guide us to the fourth floor?"

"Wait, Sasha-san. Let's hear them out first. It's about our father, too."

Their father?

"Alright. Please tell us."

The information these kids had was very valuable to them now. They now had an idea of what the creator of the zombie house looked like! To summarize, it went something like this:

1. The father of these children has been entrusted with the boss of the second mission. If what we adventurers investigate and report is correct, we will be teleported to the space of the third mission. However, if there is an error in the report, we will be required to investigate again. If the adventurers refuse, the castle lord will transform into the third monster and dispose of the adventurers.

2. An incident occurred in the castle town, and the report of it arrived. We started investigating immediately, but we did not know the cause. By the time a month had passed since the initial report, the liveliness of the castle town had disappeared, and everyone had dead eyes. And when the townspeople began to transform into monsters, a child of

about 13 years old with strange clothes visited the castle and met with the castle lord. Shiro and Kayo were hiding and listening, but they could hardly hear anything. However, at one point, the castle lord said, [This villain!], [Monster!], [Setup] and then a scream was heard, and the situation became what it is now.

3. The two who were hiding thought they would be killed when they met the child's eyes, but the child disappeared without doing anything. A few days later, monsters invaded the castle, and they were also bitten. Shiro himself had impulses and erosion, but he wanted to protect Kayo, so he restrained them and stayed in the room with Kayo until he

calmed down. When he looked at Kayo when he was calm, she seemed to have become sick and had been struggling to hold back her lungs. According to Shiro, Kayo was in this state until we found her.

From this information, it is certain that the 13-year-old boy is the creator of the Zombie House. There is a possibility of deception, but there should be no need to deceive those who will become zombies from now on, and it is probably his true form.

"Sasha-san, I think you understand, but please listen to what Father has to say. If you attack forcibly, he will become the third monster, so be careful and use the spell from earlier. If worst comes to worst, just say we will investigate again. It will be okay."

After listening to the conversation, they were guided up to the third floor by the two. Then, a sniper rifle was lying in the corridor. I'm not familiar with guns, so I don't know the official name.

"Sasha-sama, what is this? The person who shot me had this, right?"

"I don't know the official name, but it's a sniper rifle, a weapon for killing people from long range. The power changes depending on the bullet used. This bullet was loaded into the gun and shot at Rikka. I don't know how fast the bullet is, but it's terrifyingly fast, almost invisible to the eye."

"I see! It was really fast! But Sasha-sama caught it with her bare

hands. Sasha-sama is much cooler!"

Ahaha, that's true. I'll take the sniper rifle just in case.

"Big sis, huh, is that really amazing?"

"You absolutely must not use it. If an untrained person uses it, their arm might blow off."

"Eh! I won't use it, I promise!"

It won't really blow off, but you'll definitely get hurt.

When they arrived at the fourth floor, there was a large sliding door. When they opened it, there was a man sitting in the center of the room who spoke to them.

"You guys, in my castle--"

"Cure Heal!"

"Ugh, how rude! Sasha-san, it's father's job, at least let him finish talking. And you guys weren't even listening to me! My father said that if we forcibly attack him, he'll get angry and turn into an incredibly powerful monster! Let's just listen to the criticism. "

Shiro, you're a good comedian.

"There's no need for that. Look at your father."

There's no need to listen to all the setting details. They'll probably say something like "Have you figured out the cause?"

Then explain it!" And I heard about the third monster, but it doesn't matter. There's no need to wander around the castle town. We should

quickly restore the lord's ego and ask him about the cause.

After all, he's the boss here!

The answer is obviously already inputted, right?

Chapter 72: Zombie House Capture – Part 9: The Truth

The lord's body shone brightly and then settled down.

"W-What is this?! I can talk, I can speak freely!"

"Father!"

"Oh, Shiro and Kayo, come over here!"

The parent and child shed tears and had an emotional reunion. Let's leave them alone for now.

"I'm sorry. Even though it was because of that guy, I didn't even notice you guys. I'm sorry."

"It's okay, it's all his fault."

"Father, it was Sasha who helped us."

Thanks to what Kayo said, he finally noticed us.

"Nice to meet you. I'm Sasha, and this child is called Rikka."

"I'm Kihachi. Did you guys release us from the curse of the Zombie House? Thank you very much. I've been observing adventurers who occasionally come here for the past few hundred years, so my way of speaking has changed."

At the very least, they're people from before the Edo period. I don't

know how to talk like that at the time, so I don't know what to say.

"I'm glad we were released. We're investigating who created the Zombie House and why everyone turned into zombies."

"I see. But if that's the case, aren't there any clues scattered around the town?"

"At first, we planned to carefully search for clues, but we found out that by devising a certain magic, we could completely regain the self-awareness of the soul-infused zombies. We have regained the self-awareness of the old lady and her granddaughter at the dried goods store and heard the story here, so we know the basic history. However, we don't know the cause of the zombie outbreak or who created the Zombie House, so we thought it would be better to directly ask the boss, the lord, after regaining his self-awareness, and came here."

The lord's face is trembling. Well, there aren't many people who would directly ask the boss without following the rules of the Zombie House.

"Ahahaha, if the creator finds out, he'll be angry. You're completely ignoring the rules, after all. First, let me talk about the cause of the zombie outbreak. The earthquakes that occurred frequently since we teleported here are a precursor. The ground changed due to the earthquakes, and something came out from the bottom of the lake to the east of here."

"Something?"

"Yes, the creator said 'It's a virus that I improved,' didn't he? We town residents use the water from that lake for our daily life. The virus dissolves in the lake's water, and people become infected with the virus by ingesting it. The incubation period of this virus is about a month, and when it develops, the person becomes a zombie, and the released soul becomes a plan to transport to the Evil King. Also, only when the people of this world take water, the virus develops in 3 days. The virus exists only in the water. Ideally, adventurers should deduce the truth from the clues and explain it to me to judge whether it is correct. If it is correct, they will be transported to the space

leading to the third mission.”

I did it again, didn't I? No one has cleared it for 500 years. It's game over just by drinking water. How did the heroes 500

years ago clear it?

“I see. Do you know anything about the creator of the zombie house?”

As if remembering the creator of the zombie house, he tightly clenched her fists.

“--- I met him once after the abnormality occurred in the castle town. He smiled and talked about what was happening in this castle. At that time, I painfully realized that I was a small, useless existence. --- What I know is that he is a boy of about 13 years old, quite strong, and has companions. I wanted to know his whereabouts, but I couldn't. Oh, that boy, although he spoke in an unusually adult-like manner for his age, his mind was still that of a child. He did not understand how much sin he was committing. He talked to me as if it were just a child's play. Honestly, I was boiling with anger in my gut. And I was useless, too.”

“Yeah, I guess so. Kihei-san is the lord who protects this castle. He couldn't do anything just by watching the people in the castle town turn into zombies. He must have felt frustrated. A boy of about 13 years old, who has the magic power to create a zombie house, maybe an irregular existence like me. Who is he?”

“Did he use any unusual words?”

“Well, as far as I can remember, he used words like ‘game,’ ‘survival,’ and ‘biological disaster.’”

“I see.”

“Thank you. With just these three, we have a general idea of who the creator is.”

The creator is a former Japanese person of modern times, undoubtedly someone who was summoned from Japan to another world around the year 2000. I will find him and tear him apart. I will make him understand to the marrow of his bones how much sin he has committed.

"Oh! Can you really tell just from that? Amazing. What will happen to this space? I would like everything to be purified if possible."

"Of course, I will purify all the spaces related to the zombie house. However, I have comrades in the castle town, so I will bring them back here first. Is that alright?"

"Yes, of course! We'll be waiting for you."

"Until then, please relax with your family of three."

Saying that, we left the castle for a while.

We searched for Finn and found a splendid house there.

"Master, we were searching around the big houses and found a statue of a goddess in the courtyard of this house. It seems that zombies cannot enter the property."

I never expected such a big house to be used as lodgings for adventurers.

"Let's go to a spacious room. I will also tell you about the progress I have made."

We moved to a spacious room and I told them what had happened here.

"Wow, you can use magic through gems! And you can completely restore a zombie's ego just by imagining it, can you Iris?"

"That's impossible, it's such a high-level technique! Only Onee-sama can do it."

Is that so? I think you could do it Iris.

"Sasha-sama, if I may ask, did you enter the castle without searching for clues and completely restore the castle lord's ego, then hear the truth from the boss himself?"

"Oh, Jin summarized it succinctly!"

"That's right!"

"You completely disregarded the rules, didn't you? In the end, the creator sealed the zombie virus at the bottom of the lake and caused an earthquake to release the virus on the surface. They could have just spread it themselves if it was so troublesome."

Now, now, Jin, don't say such blunt things. After all, we were playing a game.

"Onee-sama, how are you going to purify the space itself?"

"I have thought about that as well. Fortunately, the castle lord has completely regained his ego and accurately remembers the details of the mission. He knew the coordinates of the first and third missions' spaces precisely. So, we'll use my beloved sword Murasame to slice through the space of the second mission, then connect each space with my magic and activate the Grudge Purify, a wide-ranging purification magic from outside the space."

"Oh, Onee-sama, that's totally cheating!"

"Oh, right! I see, magic is prohibited inside the space, but it wasn't

forbidden outside the space!"

That's right, Finn.

"However, before we proceed with the purification, there is something I need to confirm."

"Sasha-sama, what is that something you need to confirm?"

Jin asked a question. Everyone looked at me.

"The Zombie House should be connected to the Marco Ruins, right?"

Everyone nodded.

"Probably, the Zombie House operates separately from the dungeon core of the Marco Ruins. And it would be a waste to destroy the Zombie House. So,

1. Fully understand the three spaces. Each space must be connected to the Zombie House's dungeon core.
2. Hack the Zombie House's dungeon core and rewrite the master to me. The current core is controlled by a boy around 13 years old. I'll cancel out his magic and inject my own.
3. Take over the Marco Ruins' dungeon core through the Zombie House's core.
4. Use 'Grudge Purify' to purify all the people and animals in the Zombie House.
5. Connect the Zombie House and my personal space with space-time magic. This will allow the unique skill 'Free Dream' to be used in the Zombie House and Marco Ruins.

6. If the creator of the Zombie House appears, lure them into the ruins and tear them apart.

7. Improve the Zombie House and Marco Ruins into a dungeon where no one dies.

That's about it."

When I finished speaking, everyone had their mouths wide open. Jin was the one who spoke up.

"Sasha-sama, is that really possible? And what is hacking?"

"It's possible. I'll invade the Zombie House's dungeon core with my magic. First, I'll cancel out the current master's magic, then analyze the dungeon core and rewrite the master to me. Hacking is when you enter without permission."

"Only Onee-sama can do it."

"Yes, only my master can do it."

"If it succeeds, it will be a groundbreaking achievement. No one will die in the Marco Ruins from now on, and it can be applied to other ruins in the future."

"Yes, that's right. But it's only if it works."

After the discussion, we had lunch and headed to the castle immediately.

Upon arriving at the 4th floor of the castle, the lord of the castle, Shirou, and Kayo were playing happily like parent and child. I wonder if they were able to enjoy themselves a little.

"Oh, Sasha-nee-chan!"

"Sasha-san, are you ready?"

"Kayo, Shirou, I'm all set. Kihachi-san, let me explain what we're going to do first."

She explained the plan she had discussed earlier to Kihachi-san.

"I think the plan is wonderful, but is such an outlandish idea really possible? Adventurers up until now have just been proceeding normally."

"I'm Finn. If it's my master, anything is possible. Please believe in us."

"Okay, I understand. As for us, we have no one else to rely on but Sasha-san. Please help us."

"Understood. Well then, let's begin. First, Kihachi-san, let me use appraisal. "

"Oh, sure thing."

"Oh, right. From here on out, I'll be in a state of concentration for about three days and won't be able to move. It's okay for everyone else to play until it's finished. I've prepared three days' worth of dinner in advance and given it to Jin. Be sure not to eat all three days' worth in one day."

"During the time you can't move, I'll protect Sasha-sama."

"Yes, please do."

Using appraisal, Kihachi-san investigated the location of the teleportation in detail. Okay, there were spatial coordinates for the

first, second, and third missions. All that was left was to search based on this space.

I took out my beloved sword, Shiden, activated the time-space attribute, and tore through space. I thrust Shiden into the torn space and searched for the spatial coordinates of the first and second missions based on the teleportation coordinates.

They should be located nearby. I emitted my magic power like ultrasound waves. If there were special spaces like the first and second missions, they should bounce back. ----- Found it! Okay, first, let's connect it to this place.

Next, using my magic power, I grasped and analyzed the first, second, and third spaces, searched for the dungeon core of the zombie house, and began hacking.

From Jin's perspective:

It's been three days since Sasha-sama started concentrating, but there's been no sign of movement at all. Analyzing and connecting spaces together, finding the dungeon core, and then hacking it. Is such a thing really possible? No one has ever tried it before; it's the first attempt. It will consume a tremendous amount of magical power. Finn and the others seem to have finished purifying the zombie-like entities without self-awareness in the town below in these three days. Right now, Shirou, Koyo, and everyone else are playing together.

"Jin, I've just noticed a serious problem."

"What problem?"

A serious problem? Did I forget to do something?

"If Sasha-sama's work takes more than three days, what are we going

to do about our meals?"

Ah, I completely forgot about that.

"Well, I guess we'll be fine. (Probably)"

"Sasha-sama's meals are so delicious that if we miss even one day, we'll experience withdrawal symptoms."

"My cooking is hazardous, huh, Rikka!"

"Ah, Sasha-sama! Thank goodness we made it on time."

Did she really finish it in three days?

"Sasha-sama, how far have you progressed with your work?"

"Oh, that. I succeeded. But..."

Did a problem arise?

"Well, since I had both the magical power and the time, I got carried away and made both the Zombie House and the Marco Ruins mine. However, I've only finished rewriting the dungeon core so far, and I haven't made any improvements beyond that."

Wow! She was able to make that much progress in just three days!

---As expected of Sasha-sama.

Next, it seems that the purification of the Zombie House will finally begin.

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Chapter 73: Zombie House Capture – Part 10: Complete Capture

Return to Sasha's point of view :

Connecting the space of the zombie house, discovering and analyzing the dungeon core, and rewriting it to make me the owner. It's been about a day, something an ordinary person would never be able to maintain focus for. Now then, what should I do? I could just use "Grudge Purify" here, but since the parent and child have regained their consciousness and are enjoying themselves, let's proceed a little further. Oh, right, the adventurers here are in the way, so let's send them back to the entrance of the Marco Ruins. And let's close the entrance to the zombie house. Okay, next is the search for the dungeon core of the Marco Ruins.

Hmm, as I suspected, the dungeon core here is connected to the one in the Marco Ruins. This makes analysis much easier.

As expected, the owner of both is [-----]. He's definitely a boy around 13 years old. Rewrite this to Sasha and we're done.

At this point, it's noon on the third day. This task is not too much of a burden for me, an evil god with skills like "Parallel Thinking" and "Thought Acceleration," but it's impossible for a human. The load is too great. I wonder if I have time to connect it to my exclusive space. Well, it doesn't matter. This is good enough. Hmm, it seems like Rikka is saying something stupid.

"Do you think my food is a hazardous material, Rikka!"

"Oh, Sasha-sama! Thank goodness, I made it on time!" Honestly, what withdrawal symptoms?

"Sasha-sama, how far along are you with the task?"

"Oh, that, it's successful. However, since I had plenty of magical power and time, I got carried away and made both the zombie house and Marco Ruins mine. Oh, but I've only finished rewriting the dungeon core, I haven't made any improvements beyond that."

"What! You did all that in three days!"

"Sasha-sama, amazing!"

"Onee-sama, can you now hack the dungeon core without going all the way to the bottom in other ruins?"

"Well, it's not going to work out so conveniently. This time, the dungeon cores of the zombie house and Marco Ruins were connected, so I was able to do it. In other ruins, we have to go to the bottom and hack it."

"I see. But from now on, if Onee-sama hacks the dungeon core at the bottom of the ruins we visit, that dungeon will become yours. It will become a dungeon where people don't die, won't it?" Iris seems to be getting really motivated.

"Yes, that's right."

"But, since these Marco Ruins have already become Master's, we have to report it to the adventurer guild leader of Bilbrem, don't we?"

"I won't report to the guild leader."

"Eh, Master, you're not going to report it?"

"Onee-sama, may I ask for the reason?"

"Even if we know that a big crisis will come in the near future, we let the lower-ranking people handle the countermeasures because there are many people who just care about immediate profits. If we report it, the big shots of the Gardia Empire will surely flock to the dungeon for their benefits. Also, currently, I'm the only one who can rewrite the dungeon. Absolutely, those big shots will try various means to incorporate me into their power. I refuse to get involved in such nonsense! "

"I, I can't argue with that. Onee-sama is right, there are people like that in Spheretaria too."

"They're also in Redenburg."

"For now, the Zombie House is already closed, so we'll move to the bottom floor of the Marco ruins and modify the system so that no one dies while maintaining the current system. When we leave the Gardia Empire, we'll remotely modify it thoroughly. Even if there's a commotion, we'll pretend that we don't know anything."

"Master, you're very thorough."

"Of course. I don't want to be involved in power struggles."

"Onee-sama, what if they notice and attack us by force?"

"I'll half-kill them and send them back to a suitable place through transfer so that they won't come attacking us again."

"Y-yeah, that's what we thought."

Finn, Iris, Jin, and Rikka said simultaneously.

However, the success of this hacking has become a great source of inspiration for me. Eventually, I intend to go to the management world of Spheretaria where Saria is and directly intervene in the system. But that may not be possible, in which case I'll have to hack it

and rewrite the system. If it goes well, I might be able to turn the race back into humans.

If I become human again and go to see Sakuragi-kun, what would he think? Sakuragi-kun is searching for a way to turn me back into a human. I wonder what I think about Sakuragi-kun? I'm confused and don't really understand right now. If I meet him as Sasha once, I might be able to figure it out.

"Onee-sama, is something wrong?"

"No, it's nothing. Let's have lunch first. I'm really tired."

After lunch, Kihachi, Shirou, and Kayo were talking about various things. They were currently preparing for purification, and this would be the last conversation for Kihachi, Shirou, and Kayo's family.

"Brother, even if I am reincarnated, I want to be with you and father."

"Kayo, I feel the same way. Mother is probably already reincarnated. If possible, I want to be born again from Mother."

"I feel the same way."

"When you are purified, hold hands and think strongly about the same thing."

"Yes!"

I want to grant their wishes as much as possible, but it's impossible with my current power. At least, I will purify with all my heart, so that the wishes of all the people who are purified will come true.

"Kihachi, Shirou, Kayo, purification preparations are complete."

"Sasha, as the representative of the Zombie House, let me thank you. If you hadn't come here, everyone would have been trapped forever. I'm really grateful."

"Thank you, Sasha."

"Thank you, Sasha Onee-san."

Thank you very much. Thanks to you, I came up with and implemented the method of hacking and rewriting the system.

This increases the possibility of me becoming human again.

"Before we begin the purification, Jin, Rikka, Finn, Iris, I will take a little magic power from you."

"Sasha-sama, is there a reason for this?"

"Yes, Sasha-sama should be fine alone."

"Hehe, you'll see after the purification is over."

Yes, we will all be surprised after the purification is over.

"Mas-ter, your smile is somehow scary."

"Onee-sama, if you need my magic power, please take it."

Now, all preparations are complete.

"Well then, let's begin the purification."

I poured everyone's magic power that I received earlier into all the space in the Zombie House.

"Kihachi, Shirou, Kayo, here we go. 'Grudge Purify.'"

The moment I chanted, the bodies of the three people and the space itself shone.

"Father, Brother, it feels so good. I'm getting sleepy. Sasha, th-thank you."

"Father, me too. Thank you, Sasha-san."

The bodies of the two people were purified. Then, tears overflowed from Kihachi.

"Sasha, thank you so much. With this, we have been released from the curse of the Zombie House. Please be happy too.

Th-thank you."

As soon as the three were purified, all the space in the Zombie House shone. At that time, voices of thanks could be heard from various places, saying [Thank you].

When the light subsided, a refreshing feeling and silence filled the space.

"Iris, Finn, are you crying?"

"Onee-sama, how many people were trapped in the Zombie House? Everyone thanked us."

"Master, I can't forgive the creator of the Zombie House. Many people wanted to thank us and get revenge."

"Well, there were a total of ten different dimensions in the Zombie House, and there were about a thousand people there in total. Most of their souls were eaten by the Evil King, but about 10% of the zombies had souls. Everyone wanted revenge.

By acquiring the Dungeon Core, we found out who the creator was. His name is Ryoichi Suzumi, one of the members summoned from Japan to the alternate world of Spheretalia. However, Suzumi has been summoned for at least 500 years."

"Master, is he still alive?"

"Yes, he is. If he were dead, another name would be engraved on the Dungeon Core. I will find him and tear him apart.

Suzumi should notice that something abnormal has happened in the Zombie House. We will meet him soon."

"Onee-sama, is there any danger of him taking the Dungeon Core?"

"I'm not worried about that. Both the Zombie House and the Marco ruins' Dungeon Core have a 'Distortion Field' added to them. We will know immediately if it is activated."

The moment it is activated, we will teleport there and beat up Suzumi.

"What? Is this a lie? Finn, Iris, look at your status."

"Hey, is this a lie? Did Sasha-sama ask us for magic power to make this happen?"

Rikka and Jin also noticed.

"What? Status? What is this? Master, my basic ability value is 19,000!"

"Meow~ Onee-sama, my magic power is 26,000, and everything else is 10,000. What did you do?"

Both of them are shaking and talking, which is weird.

"When Sasha-sama modified me, my basic ability value was around 36,000, but now it has increased to 200,000!"

"Mine was around 32,000, but now it's around 180,000!"

Jin and Rikka have also increased significantly. They have the blessing of the Evil God, so their increase is extraordinary.

Because they were transformed from A-class evil beings to divine beasts, their basic ability values increased significantly, and they started at level 1. They are now at levels 55 and 52. They have completely surpassed the Lich.

Oh, I wasn't looking at mine. When I looked at my status, "Wait a minute!"

"Wait a minute, what's this? Why is my status the only one that can't be displayed?"

"Hyaa! Master, what's wrong?"

"My status isn't being displayed anymore. It's because it's exceeded the limit of 100 million."

"Eh? So that means, at least 100 million!"

The moment I said my numbers, all four of them trembled. Maybe it's because of the evil god, but the increase in ability values at the time of leveling up is very large, or rather too large. Absolutely, there must be an error in the management world system.

"That's right, I didn't answer yet. This is the bonus for clearing the zombie house and the experience gained from purifying all the zombies. When combined, the level increased by 40 plus. However,

remember this. This experience value is also the experience value of the deceased. Be careful not to disappoint the deceased and keep living from now on."

"I see, all the zombies in the zombie house were former humans. Their words really resonated with me. They said things like [Thank you, even though it's not much, may it contribute to your strength. Please avenge us]. This is what they meant.

Master, I won't get conceited with this level up, and I want to become stronger. And, how strong are you, Master?"

"Onee-sama, I will also live in a way that is not shameful to the deceased. I won't waste this level up. And, there is a limit to being unreasonable. What is 100 million? What is it!"

Finn and Iris thanked the deceased, and gave me a nice comeback.

"Jin and Rikka were born in Spheretalia, so their ability values are heavily dependent on the management system. Well, because of the modification I made, they deviate by half. In my case, I am an existence outside the management system called the evil god, so an error occurred in the system. That's why my ability values are outrageous. From now on, I have to be careful when punishing others. If I make a mistake in the power of the Grigri attack, it will be a terrible thing."

"Eep! Master, please be very careful when punishing others."

"That's right. Sasha-sama's punishment is really painful. It resonates in your heart."

I really have to be careful.

"Now, we've completely conquered the zombie house. Next, we're going to the bottom floor of the Marco ruins. Finally, we'll be able to hear the next message from the goddess sphere."

"Finn-nee, can we really say we've completely conquered it? I feel like something's off, or is it just me?"

"Iris, you're not wrong. I had the same feeling. Our master's strategy for conquering it is strange."

What's with Finn and Iris mumbling?

Well, never mind, let's move on!

Chapter 74: The Second message from Sphere

We've arrived at the bottom of the Marco ruins. The statue of the goddess is right in front of us.

"Hmm? Master, the boss isn't coming out?"

"He went on the final mission of the Zombie House. According to the Dungeon Core, it was a 4-meter-tall muscular zombie equipped with a rocket launcher for some reason."

"Onee-sama, what's a rocket launcher?"

"Simply put, it's a modern weapon with destructive power that can turn Jin and Rikka into tiny pieces with just one hit."

"What, Jin and Rikka? How powerful is that weapon?"

As they examined the statue of the goddess, they found a jewel embedded near the pedestal. Come to think of it, now that I had become a saint, would it react if I tried to activate it with my magical power?

"Let me try passing my magic power through the jewel."

"Stop it! Are you trying to destroy the jewel?"

"Why not?"

"I'll do it instead, Onee-sama. Although you are a saint, you are also a deity. Sphire-sama might show a refusal response."

"I, I can't argue with that."

"Okay then, I'll pass my magic power through the jewel."

The jewel shone, and eventually, a beautiful and clear voice of Sphire was heard.

"Thank you for coming to the bottom of the Marco ruins. I would like to talk to you about one of the masterminds who is cornering me and the person who rewrote the Dungeon Core system of the Marco ruins and Zombie House. I cannot reveal their name. This person is among the summoners from 500 years ago. The summoning 500 years ago took place in Alteheim. There should still be some records available. I want you to find their weakness based on those records. They are an incredible magician who could destroy the world if they wanted to. Even if you encounter them, do not make them angry. I have one more request. If you have come this far, you must have followed either the normal route or the Zombie House route. Please rewrite the Dungeon Core in the Zombie House. If you pass your magic power through the core, the information will come into your mind, and it should teach you how to rewrite it. Many people from different worlds have been taken into the Zombie House and turned into zombies. Please free them. It will take at least 100,000 magical power to rewrite it. Saint, please save the people in the Zombie House."

It seemed like the message had ended. The first half of the message was okay since they didn't know some of the things mentioned, but the problem was with the latter half. Did Sphire intend to have Iris, the saint, do this? Enough with the nonsense already!

"O, Onee-sama, please suppress your magic. P-Please!"

"M-Master, please suppress your magic. The Marco ruins will collapse!"

Oops, I can't let my anger get the best of me. A little bit of magic leaked out.

"I'm sorry, both of you. I'm feeling a little bit like punching Sphere too."

"M-Master, what do you mean? Sphere-sama intended to have Iris do the rewriting. Is there a problem?"

I know because I rewrote it myself. It's at least 100,000! That's no joke. You need a magic manipulation skill level of 10

and 300,000 magic.

"There's a big problem. That Sphere woman is teaching Iris some careless things. The conditions required for rewriting are a magic manipulation skill level of 10 and 300,000 magic."

"300,000?! I only have around 26,000 now, and even with all my magic wraps, the most I can get is about 160,000. Onee-sama, 300,000 is definitely impossible."

"Yes, Iris is completely innocent. Even humans with 300,000 magic, let alone those who are not saints, do not exist in this world right now. If we train Iris a little more and do it with all our magic wraps, we can barely meet the conditions. Even if we defeat the boss of the Zombie House, which is the final mission, expose the dungeon core, and erase Suzumi's magic through hacking, it will take about six hours to complete the rewriting of the Zombie House's core. Can Iris do it?"

"It's impossible to do it for six hours with all our magic wraps!"

"Yes, that's why Iris is completely innocent. Someone like Sphere may be able to do it, but humans cannot."

"I'm sure Sphere-sama had a reason for this. She was under pressure when she inserted the message and probably didn't think about the system. "

Iris, that's impossible. Since the system itself was created by Sphere, she should know it completely. That Sphere woman is really planning on having Iris do it. If a lot of people come here and give their power to Iris, they can clear 300,000. But the problem starts here. Sphere and other evil gods, who are originally gods, can easily analyze and control information, but Iris is human. Moreover, she is just an amateur with no knowledge whatsoever. Her head would explode just from analyzing information. Even if she succeeds, she will undoubtedly be unable to adventure for the time being. However, since Iris said it, she must not be a bad goddess.

"I learned from this message that Sphere is a good god who doesn't consider other people's feelings."

"Um, Onee-sama, is that compliment?"

"Compliment? --- No way! Someone who talks about their own ideas without considering the impact on others is the worst. Most likely, she's talking like she thinks the Saint I approved of should be able to do it. But I tried it myself and hacking is a very dangerous act. If your own magical power is lower than the magical power stored in the core, the core's magical power will invade you. Sphere probably came up with the idea but hasn't actually tried hacking. If she had tried it, she would have pointed out some kind of danger. If I had let Iris do it, you would have been unable to adventure again.

Sphere is speaking in a mournful voice, using the kind of language that makes it seem like you can do it. What would have happened to you if I wasn't here?"

"Um, well, we will raise our magical power through training to around 40,000 and then try it. We will also go with a large group to consider the worst-case scenario."

"Even if you try, if you hack it, your head will explode when you try to analyze the information. Even if you succeed in rewriting it, you will be bedridden for a while."

"Eh?! Did Sphere-sama intend to make me do such a thing?"

"Yes, that's right. However, the person or rather the god herself, doesn't understand the difficulty of what she said at all.

Maybe, Sphere's ---"

"What do you mean maybe?"

"Nothing, forget it."

Maybe Sphere couldn't cover up for the many things her system couldn't handle and the mastermind behind it all, Ryoichi Suzumi and his accomplices, appeared and she couldn't handle it, so she abandoned her job and left it to you. If that's the case, she's the worst kind of god in a different sense from Ryoichi Suzumi.

"--- Anyway, with this, all the work here is done. Oh, and let's make sure nobody dies in the Marco ruins and the zombie house. From now on, we'll make monsters like the evil tribe using my magical power in the dungeon core and let them fight the humans. Everyone take a little break."

Let's access the dungeon core in the Marco ruins and tweak it a bit.

"At last, no one will die here. I wonder why Sphere-sama took such action, but for now, let's do what we can."

Yes, Iris, that's the right answer.

"Iris, I'm just concerned about what will happen to this ruins in the future."

"What do you mean, Finn-nee?"

"Well, thanks to our master, no one will die anymore. But, I don't

think that's all our master intends to do."

"Oh! You're right about that."

Oh, Finn is on point. Of course. Even if no one dies, if an attack with a death penalty is triggered, punishment will be given. First, let's send the adventurers in the Marco ruins back to the entrance and set up a sign that says "Dungeon Improvement in Progress." Let's change the rules as I have planned.

"All right, we're done!"

"Master, that was a long one. Is everything finished now?"

"Yes, I've set new rules. There's a signboard installed at the entrance of the first floor, so adventurers should be surprised."

"By the way, what kind of rules did you make?"

Rules:

1. When you defeat an evil race, the targeted body part will change into meat or an item with a 10% chance of transformation.
2. The zombie house is currently under renovation.
3. If you receive a fatal attack judgment, you will be forcibly sent back to the entrance. However, as a punishment for dying, all items except underwear and rings with jewels will be confiscated and converted into magical power.
4. There are a total of 50 floors. A mid-boss is placed every 5 floors. When you defeat the mid-boss, it will reappear in a dismantled state. You have a 20% chance of getting rare items.
5. The dungeon configuration changes every 5 floors. However, this configuration changes in 3 days, regardless of whether adventurers are

present or not. Only the safe zone with the goddess statue does not change.

"In short, it's like this. I only changed the major skeletal structure. In the future, I will also change the placement of evil races and prepare powerful traps when I have time."

"Oh, the punishment for dying is harsh. Onee-sama, that's too bad."

"What are you talking about? You're adventurers, so it's better to have a punishment like this than to die. There are two compulsory return sections, one for men and one for women, located near the entrance. Especially for the women's section, it's set up so that it cannot be seen from the outside and cannot be entered by men, so there's no need to worry about being attacked by men. Men, just forget about it! You can use the rings with 'Item Box' or 'Magic Bag' that will be sold from now on to put on spare equipment at the compulsory return section."

"Oh, Master, you have thought of everything. That should be all right then."

"Onee-sama, I understand that men attacking women is a problem, but I don't quite understand the situation where men attack men."

"Oh, Iris, you don't have to worry about that."

Now that the improvement of the Marco Ruins is complete, shall we escape?

"Everyone, let's escape from here by teleportation. Gather around me."

"Sasha-sama~. Shall we use the goddess statue?"

"Rikka, if we use it now and appear at the entrance, they will know that I improved the Marco Ruins in just one go. Let's return to Bilbrem by teleportation."

"All right!"

And thus, our exploration of the Marco Ruins has come to an end.

In this adventure, I got some new information.

1. Sphere is basically a good god. However, if an event occurs that they cannot handle themselves, they have a tendency to irresponsibly pass it on to others without understanding the dangers involved. Can we just excuse this as a problem caused by being chased by the mastermind?

2. There are multiple masterminds, one of whom is Ryoichi Suzumi, the creator of the Zombie House and a skilled magician. Judging from the quality of the core's magic, his magical power is around 12 million, although it does not match that of a evil god. While hacking, he seemed to have nullified the evil power of the evil god. In my

opinion, he's just a small fry. We plan to give him a harsh punishment for the people who died in the Zombie House.

3. Ryoichi Suzumi was summoned 500 years ago in Altairheim. If we go to Altairheim, we might be able to find out something about the other masterminds.

4. The upper limit of the management system's numerical value is 100 million. They raised it this high because there is an evil god.

That's about it. Honestly, it might be better not to rely on Sphere too much. Well, there is another ruins in the Gardia Empire where there is one more message from Sphere, so let's see the contents and judge.

Now, it's time for the fighting tournament where Rikka will participate. There might be some unexpected turns.

Chapter 75: Gardia Empire, Tournament Arc - Regular contact with the Lich Upon arriving at the entrance of Bilbrem, it was pitch dark outside. I quickly checked my watch and realized it was already 8 PM. Oops, I hadn't been paying attention to the time at all.

"Hmm, it looks like staying at an inn is out of the question, so shall we

rest in my room?"

"Yay! I love Sasha-sama's room, it's so cozy."

"Understood, Rikka-san. I always find my sister's space strangely calming. As for dinner, what do you plan to do, Onee-sama?"

"Considering how late it is, I'll just make something simple."

"Master, I'll help too. Please teach us how to make Chinese cuisine."

"Onee-sama, I'll help too. Please teach us how to make Chinese cuisine."

Hmm, they must really like my room. In the end, I taught Finn and Iris how to make Chinese cuisine, and we made dinner together. They were both so serious, and the food turned out quite good. It seems they both have a talent for cooking.

---The next morning, as we entered Bilbrem, it was more bustling than the first time we came.

"Wow, it's so lively here. I wonder if it's because of the tournament?"

"Hey, Rikka, don't wander too far off. You'll get lost!"

It's really lively here. Looking around, there are strong adventurers everywhere, probably for the tournament in four days.

"For now, let's head to the adventurer's guild."

When we arrived at the adventurer's guild, it was surprisingly quiet. Irma-san was at the reception desk.

"Oh, Sasha-san, did you head to the Marco Ruins?"

"Yes, we rode on the summoned beast and went to the Marco Ruins. However, while we were completing the second mission of the Zombie House, we were suddenly forced back to the entrance. So, instead of going to the Zombie House, we went to the eighth floor underground, and we were forced back to the entrance again. When we looked at the entrance, it was closed for renovation, so we had to come back to Bilbrem for now."

"Renovation of the dungeon?! I've never heard of that before!"

"Well, it's true. I think it started around noon yesterday." I don't really remember the time, so that should be good enough.

"I see. I'll inform the guild master. Please wait a moment."

I should report it just in case. I won't mention that I became the dungeon master, though.

"Sensei, aren't you going to tell them that you took over?"

"I did take over and become the Dungeon Master, but I have no intention of saying so. "

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Suddenly, a loud sound of a door opening from the second floor echoed. A guild leader, maybe in her 40s, a sharp-eyed, sharp-browed, somewhat androgynous woman came down. She was also an adventurer and a strong S-class one.

"Irma, this person has the highest score in both short and long-range combat."

"Yes, that's right."

"Sorry to interrupt. I am Esti Rondo, the guild master of the

adventurer's guild. Shall we talk about what happened at the Marco Ruins first?"

"I'm Sasha Falling. Can I talk about it here?"

"It doesn't matter, it will spread anyway."

Sasha told Esti the same thing she told Irma earlier.

"Do you mean someone has reached the dungeon core and become a new Dungeon Master? I can't believe it."

"I don't know the details myself. It happened yesterday, so there may be different changes happening by now. There were other adventurers besides me, so new information will come in a few days."

"I see. Thank you for reporting, Sasha. Only a girl named Rikka will participate in the tournament, right? You won't participate?"

"Yes, only Rikka will participate. She didn't plan to participate in the first place."

"Oh, that noblewoman. She's troublesome. The emperor will arrive in two days. You may meet the emperor depending on the situation."

Oh no!

"Is it because she has the highest score?"

"Well, that's one reason. Sasha is a veteran of the Spheretaria war and an S-rank adventurer. She'll probably be recruited."

I don't want to. I hope I don't have to meet the emperor.

"If I get recruited, I'll refuse. Besides, there was another famous S-rank person in the Gardia Empire, right?"

"He died in battle. He was killed by a lich."

His name was Dante, right?

"By a lich? And they want to recruit me, an S-rank, after that?"

"That's how it is. Well, since you have your own circumstances, it's okay to refuse. Just be careful in your actions. That's all for now. I have to urgently inform the emperor about the Marco ruins incident."

Saying that, Esti returned to her room. It's going to be tough from now on, but do your best. If I refuses the recruitment, you will probably do something to Finn or Iris. If you do, there will be no mercy.

"Irma, when we defeated the monster, it dropped some items, so please exchange them for money."

After exchanging the items, I received a considerable amount of money. I don't need it for my daily life, but recently everyone has been eating well, so it's better to have more money just in case. Oh, I wonder if anything has changed in the noble-related matter?

"Did that noble say anything to you?"

"Well, nothing from the person himself, but there have been suspicious people looking for Rikka around here."

"As expected. If they try anything, don't hesitate to take them down. They're a suspicious bunch."

"Hahaha, please try not to make too much of a fuss."

We left the Adventurer's Guild and took a break in the plaza.

"I'm going to contact Lich now, so you all can play around. Oh, and when it's lunchtime at 12, gather here. Also, there should be someone who has been told to pick a fight with the four of us regarding that noble-related matter, so don't hesitate to take them down. But don't kill them. The four of you have significantly increased their basic abilities, so be careful not to hurt them too much."

"Oh, I forgot. Both me and Iris have over 10,000, so we need to be careful too."

"Ugh, Finn and Iris are still doing pretty well. We're over 200,000, so it's hard to hold back."

"All three of us will be fine. Just learn to hold back against those who attack us."

"Got it!"

It's a shame that those attackers are targeting those three.

Now, let's make my regular contact with Lich. Speaking of which, Lich has also become humanoid, but his name is still Lich. He said he wants to keep it that way.

"Lich, are you doing okay now?"

"Oh, Sasha-sama, it's been five days since we last talked."

"You seem to be in a good mood. Did something good happen?"

"Yes, when we arrived at the Imperial Capital, the anti-Keith faction set a trap. As soon as we entered the Imperial Palace where the emperor was, both Keith and I were teleported to the 21st floor of an S-rank dungeon."

Hey, why are you so happy about that?

"So, the anti-Keith faction is working with the Evil tribes. You knew that, and yet you fell for the trap, didn't you? Is it to train Keith?"

"Yes, that's right. He's too weak. The statue of the goddess in the S-rank dungeon is only placed every 10 floors, so I trained him for four days straight. I also went to the bottom floor and defeated a considerable number of S-rank monsters, raising my level to 50 and my basic abilities to about 300,000. Oh, by the way, Keith wants to talk to you now, Sasha-sama."

【It's fine, I don't mind. --- We should be able to talk now. Prince Keith, can you hear me? 】

【Yes, I can hear you. Thank you for saving me from the thieves that time.】 【Even though Dante of S-class was there, it's treated as a theft incident.】

【That Dante is officially declared dead due to another mission. By the way, about Lich, it was him who saved me that time, right? And now he's turned into a human and still protecting me.】

He's quite easy to talk to.

【Yes, that's correct. I ordered him to protect you.】

There was a silence for a while.

【Lich's strength is far beyond that of humans or evil races. I understood that well when I went to the S-rank ruins. And you're commanding that Lich. Actually, I knew who you were even before asking Lich. I was trained by Lich at the S-rank ruins, and my current level is 50 with basic ability values of 30,000.】

Are you kidding me?! Oh, could it be...

【Could it be that there's a title called "Blessing of the Evil God"?】

【Yes, there is.】

Oh no, the blessing was activated. I thought it was just protecting Prince Keith, but I didn't expect the blessing to be activated just by that.

【I see, so I'm an evil god. However, I'm greatly different from the evil god you know.】

【I want to meet you in person once. Would that be okay? I want to hear more about the situation. I'll arrive at Bilbrem tomorrow morning, is it okay to meet at the adventurer guild at 10 am?】

If the blessing is attached, it won't be easy to deceive him. 【Yes, that's fine. We'll talk more about it there.】

【Good. Thanks to meeting you all, I also became stronger. I'm looking forward to meeting you tomorrow.】

The communication with Prince Keith ended, and Lich appeared.

【Sasha-sama, I heard from Jin and Rikka that they made something called Chinese cuisine. Can we have it tomorrow?】

【Yes, Prince Keith is also coming, so I'll prepare some delicious food.】

The communication with Lich also ended, so tonight, I'll cook in my private room. Since I have the chance, I'll make some dumplings. Suddenly, I felt the gaze of others, and when I opened my eyes, I found five men lying around.

"What are you doing here?"

"Haa, haa, it's because of you that we ended up like this!"

Did they plan to attack or kidnap me, thinking I was sleeping? But my Distortion Field was activated, and they couldn't do anything.

"Hey girl, how are you going to settle this?"

"I don't know. You guys just acted up in front of me on your own, right? I didn't do anything wrong. Well, that's all then."

"As it is, let's go-----"

It was annoying, so I gave them a little intimidation.

"As it is, what?"

I asked with a soft smile.

"Uh, it's nothing."

The men turned pale. Hmm, maybe my intimidation was a bit too strong? I have become stronger too, so I need to be careful not to act recklessly.

I gained experience from the people who died in the zombie house. I don't want to waste it. I need to make sure I can fully handle this power without becoming complacent.

Chapter 76: Reunion with Prince Keith

At lunchtime, when it was time to gather, Rikka and her group appeared, but something was strange. About 20 people were wrapped up with rope, and while I could guess what happened, I asked just in case.

"Rikka, can I ask you something?"

"Yes! At first, five people said to me, 'Quit the tournament. If you resist, we'll kill you,' so I nearly killed them."

"Those are the five people, right? What about the rest?"

"I explained the situation clearly, but they tried to take me away without saying anything, so I nearly killed them too. In the end, all of them were in on it. They all confessed that their aim was to make everyone withdraw from the tournament, as ordered by that noble."

"Okay, it's good that you didn't kill them. But why did you bring them here?"

"I decided to move after hearing Sasha-sama's instructions."

"By the way, what time were you threatened?"

"One hour ago from now."

Oh dear, it's too pitiful. They were wrapped up for an hour, and if they struggled, they would have been shocked. They were all in a terrible state. Oh well, I'll have to release them.

"Hey, all of you."

They flinched.

"Ah, everyone is mentally in bad shape. Well, it's your own fault, so let's leave it like this."

"I will release you now. Tell your employer the truth. And if you come to attack us again, tell them that we won't show mercy, even if they are nobles. Okay!"

They nodded.

I snapped my fingers and untied their ropes. The attackers fled, stumbling away. They probably didn't have the energy to run anymore.

"Master, I'm sorry. I didn't expect the security guards to be our enemies. Without a chance to stop them, Rikka did it."

"It couldn't be helped this time. They probably thought we would be attacked. So, what should we do next?"

"Onee-sama, is it okay? The security guards might lie and come to catch us."

"It's fine. Even if we withdraw from the tournament, we won't suffer any disadvantages. Speaking of which, I have a regular report with Lich, but Keith Prince and his group are coming to see me tomorrow. They will be guided to my private room and treated to Chinese food. Let's go shopping now. I'll make some dumplings too."

"Oh, the dumplings! That dish that our master praised. I'll help!"

"Onee-sama, I'll help too."

"Sasha-sama, I want to help too so we can eat it today!"

"I'll help too."

"Dumplings are quite difficult to make, so I'll need your help."

Everyone seems motivated. It seems like because of my cooking, Rikka and Jin have completely lost their animal instincts. I wonder if there are any side effects to my cooking?

Well, they are technically divine beasts though.

Shopping is done, and now they're in the middle of preparing food. First, I teach the four of them how to make gyoza.

"Oh, and speaking of it, that's the right way to wrap the filling with the dough. Finn and Iris are already doing well. Rikka is putting too much strength, causing the filling to leak. Jin's movements are too stiff, so try to calm down a bit. Well, it takes practice. You've become quite good since the beginning. I'll make a different dish, so you four make gyoza until the filling runs out."

"Wow, Sasha-sama, that's too much."

"Sasha-sama, did you always make this kind of delicious food in a short time every day?"

"Master, making gyoza is a lesson in moderation."

"Onee-sama, I'm looking forward to the taste of the gyoza."

"There are various types of gyoza, but I can only make two types, pan-fried and boiled. We'll make pan-fried gyoza this time."

Now that she's left the gyoza to the four of them, My planning is to make dishes like stir-fried green pepper and shredded pork, twice-

cooked pork, sweet and sour pork, stir-fried shrimp with chili sauce, seaweed soup, and egg soup.

All four of them are addicted to Chinese cuisine, but will they get bored after today and tomorrow? It makes me a little worried.

But I hasn't been a god for even a month yet. After defeating the evil god in a different dimension and calming down, I was hit with a strong sense of alienation. I was cut off from my classmates, and became the opposite of Sakuragi-kun and Mika. Here, the words of my Aikido teacher echoed in my mind. I realized that I had to take action to change everything.

If I didn't take action, nothing would change. From then on, I started thinking positively about everything.

To someday return to being human, to someday return to Earth, to someday reunite with her classmates as a human, To fulfill these three wishes on my own, I trained to control my godly powers and acted behind the scenes to help Sakuragi-kun and Mika. My actions will not change from now on.

However, things are getting bigger than I expected. The escape of Sphere, the goals of the masterminds, the movements of the evil king, I knows nothing about these things. Maybe the whole of Spheretaria is in turmoil beyond what I thought. I can't make careless moves. I must things carefully, or I might end up with irreversible consequences. I've been thinking on my own until now, but I now have comrades. I was surprised to find myself relying on my companions at times since I talked to Finn, Iris, Eleanor-sama, and Burn-san about the situation. Hehe, it's nice to trust your friends.

"Hmm? The dishes are done. Even though I was still thinking, I must have unconsciously made them."

"M-Master, I made them all. I'm exhausted~ My hands won't move anymore."

"Oh, Finn-nee, we're finished. I think we made around 2000 of them."

“Sasha-sama~, I'm tired~”

“I'm pretty tired too, to be honest.”

"Considering our basic abilities, we shouldn't be getting tired. Oh well, nevermind. All that's left is to bake and steam them. Let's do all 2000 at once!"

Magic is convenient at times like this. We can even appraise the condition of the dumplings with magic. By the time the dishes were finished, everyone's eyes were bloodshot.

"Sasha-sama~, can't we eat yet?"

“Just wait a moment. We eat the pan-fried dumplings after dipping them in this sauce. All right, everyone can eat now.”

At that moment, everyone began eating the dumplings.

"Ugh, it's hot. Huff (panting) Really hot, but crispy and delicious!"

“Onee-sama, huff (panting) it's hot, but it's delicious. So this is what dumplings taste like.”

Jin and Rikka were eating silently, apparently too absorbed in the deliciousness. Even so, everyone was focused solely on the dumplings. If there were only a few left, it might really turn into a battle over them.

"Yeah, the dumplings are delicious. Other dishes are also fine. With this, Prince Keith will surely be pleased."

"Ah, Rikka, that's mine!"

“Finn, the one who takes it first wins.”

“Then I'll take this one.”

“Hey, Finn, that's mine!”

“Nya~! Jin-san, I had my eye on that one!”

It really has turned into a competition. Even though they're all the same, why does it turn out like this? I'm glad I separated my portion from theirs.

Now I have companions. Every day is fun. I don't want to lose this everyday life. Whatever threatens this peaceful everyday life, I will dispose of it, no matter who or what it may be, even if it's a god or the former summoners.

The next morning, only I went to the adventurer's guild, and there were Lich and Prince Keith. However, they were in disguise. Lich kept his name, but he transformed into a boy of about 14 years old. He had black short hair, fierce eyes, sharp eyebrows, and was handsome. Do evil beings become handsome when they take on human form? Keith changed his originally black hair to blond, but his face remained the same. Can such a simple change as black to blond hair make such a big difference in one's impression? If that's the case, Keith should go unnoticed. He now goes by the name of Shuri.

"Nice to meet you, Sasha. I go by the name of Shuri now. Keith is currently listed as missing, so please use normal language."

"Nice to meet you, I'm Sasha. Lich has been taking care of you. It must have been tough at the S-rank ruins."

"Thanks to you and Lich, I survived. I have also been trained and am now an S-class adventurer. Can you tell me more about what's going

on? Is there a good place where we won't be discovered?"

"Yes, there is a place where we won't be discovered. Let's discuss things there. Lich, thank you for your mission. I have prepared some food for you and Shuri after we finish talking."

"Thank you very much. I'm looking forward to the Chinese cuisine."

I led Lich and Shuri to my private room.

"This is amazing. I've never seen a room like this before, but it's perfectly harmonious. It's also strangely calming."

"Keith, long time no see."

"Finn and Iris, right? It's been a while. I go by the name of Shuri now. Those two over there must be Jin and Rikka. Lich told me about them."

"I'm Rikka. Oh, Lich-sama has become small. He's so cute."

"I'm Jin. Lich-sama, you're also in disguise."

After about 10 minutes of idle conversation, I explained my situation. As usual, I didn't reveal my real name.

"So that's the situation. The evil god has already been defeated, and you inherited the title. The Galderia Empire has no records dating back more than a thousand years, but we reconstructed the records based on oral traditions 500 years ago.

This is what was written there."

1. Spheretalia before 4000 years ago was more prosperous in civilization than it is now. Advanced objects were used in magic, transportation of goods, and medical care. The words that remain are "magic cars, magic trains, airships, surgery, electricity, and music."

Occasionally, objects from 4000 years ago are excavated, but they are unknown technology, and their usage is unknown, so they are currently on display in museums. For example, a thin, black, round disc-like board is one such object.

2. The Gardia Empire was at its peak before 4000 years ago. The evil god landed in the current imperial capital like a sniper and spread disaster among the people. The appearance of the evil god was about 2 meters tall, but it is not known if it was true. It was terrifyingly strong, and it seems that people at the time could not stand against it.

3. Everyone thought that humanity would be destroyed, but the Sphere descended and sealed the evil god. However, the evil god said this at the end: "Even if you seal me, the evil tribe will not perish. You will decline from now on. And someday, you may regain your glory. However, when you build a civilization like the present one, I will surely revive.

You humans are cancer cells. You will realize the meaning of my words, but it will be too late. You may face destruction without my intervention."

This speech has been told to the imperial family for a long time, but no one understands its meaning.

That evil god couldn't use foresight, right? So he predicted humanity's future normally. He realized that if civilization progressed like this, destruction would surely come. And the word "cancer cells," which is an Earth word, but given the advanced civilization 4000 years ago, it is not strange that they had a language. Maybe the evil god went berserk to prevent the destruction of the human species. He reduced the population significantly at that time and caused civilization

to decline. Indeed, the human species would survive. However, this method was terribly shortsighted. Maybe the evil god was originally a human?

" **【Cancer cells】** . The words spoken by the evil god aren't entirely wrong. In the world I used to live in, the word 'cancer cells' existed. People start from one single cell. To put it simply, that one cell differentiates and multiplies, eventually forming a human being in the

mother's womb. When it grows to a certain extent, it comes out into the external world. And then, it grows from a baby to an adult. At this point, the cells that formed the basis have multiplied countless times and are alive within us. Of course, we can't recognize it because one cell is extremely small. Usually, cells are properly controlled under a person's unconsciousness. But as time goes by, there are rare occasions when one cell loses control and becomes abnormal."

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"Sasha, what do you mean by 'abnormal'?"

I don't quite understand this part, so I'll explain it in my own words.

"Cells that have lost control multiply rapidly and spread within the body. These cells that have spread by ignoring other cells that are under control eventually involve the controlled cells and the person dies. These cells that have lost control are called cancer cells. Perhaps the evil god likened humans themselves to cancer cells. If civilization continues to advance as it is, people will continue to multiply and eventually destroy the Sphere Terraia system by involving other animals and plants."

"Wait a minute, Sasha! Are you saying that the evil god deliberately destroyed civilization and reduced the number of people in order to prevent the extinction of the human race?"

"As far as I can tell from the story, that seems to be the case."

"--Onee-sama, in that case, did the evil god do a good thing?"

"No, definitely not. While it is true that the evil god's rampage caused civilization to decline and the number of people to decrease, that is the last thing that should be done. Ideally, representatives of the people such as elves, dwarves, beastmen, and humans should have been gathered to discuss and unite their strength to avoid the crisis of extinction. But perhaps to the evil god, that would have looked like just a game. The reason why the Evil King appears every 50 years may also be to some extent to make developed civilizations decline. The

Evil King and the evil tribes may not even know the true purpose of the evil god."

Regardless of the evil god's intentions, the masterminds are currently up to something.

"Wow, I didn't realize the meaning of those words until now."

"I wanted to protect Shuri because I thought that if you became the Emperor of the Galderia Empire, we could avoid a big war. Well, it was just a gut feeling since I only saw you once."

"Haha, that's good to hear. I also received divine protection, so I have to show my worth. Let's take a little break. I want to talk about the tournament, but the talk about the evil god was heavier than I expected."

"Yes, let's do that. Oh, it's a bit early but shall we have lunch?"

At that moment, everyone except for Shuri opened their eyes wide.

Chapter 77: The Fighting Tournament and the Conspiracy Behind It

Well, I'd like to have lunch now, but I need to say something to Shuri first.

"Shuri, I made a dish called Chinese cuisine in my world for lunch. Do you want me to divide it into individual portions or serve it on a large plate for everyone to share?"

The choice Shuri makes will affect the dining scene.

"Why? A large plate is fine, isn't it?"

So you choose the large plate after all.

"Alright, I understand. I prepared a separate portion for myself, so Shuri can eat with everyone else."

"Sasha should eat with us too."

"I don't want to get involved."

"Huh?"

"Master won't participate, and Shuri will. That means Lich and Shuri are rivals now."

"Onee-sama won't participate. Lich-san, Shuri-san, you shouldn't underestimate me just because I'm a child."

"Heh, Iris, you've become strong. Even though you're a child, I won't go easy on you."

Lich is already in battle mode.

"What the heck? It feels like we're about to start a war or something."

I silently took out the Chinese cuisine from my item box.

"What's this delicious smell? This is Chinese cuisine!"

"Shuri, I'll skip the dish names because they're too complicated. Dip the food in this sauce and eat it. Let's all take a bite each so we can have a fair competition. Go ahead, Shuri."

Everyone nodded.

Shuri looked surprised as she took a bite of each dish. Her expression gradually changed as she understood the meaning of the words.

"Alright, let's get started."

"Okay, everyone, help yourselves."

As expected, everyone flocked to the dumplings. Oh, Shuri was the only one who reached for the shredded pork with green peppers. Then, the moment there was a gap after everyone took some dumplings, she scooped up four of them at once.

"Oh, Shuri took four at once. In that case-"

"Rikka, if you try to take the dumplings with your hands, you'll be punished without exception."

"Eek! Yes, ma'am."

Shuri found gaps and skillfully got the dumplings. From the sidelines, she looked like a total pro.

"Is that all you've got, Rikka?"

"What?!"

"Hahaha, Shuri's good at this too."

Lich's appearance and behavior don't match.

Afterwards, the war continued, and surprisingly the number one winner was Iris. At first, even Iris was crowding around the dumplings, but she must have noticed that dumplings were not the only Chinese dish. She sampled other dishes at strategic intervals and ate all the dishes in a well-balanced manner. The one who dropped out this time was Rikka. She focused only on her favorite dish, so she hardly tried any other dishes. When she realized it, it was too late. If she had eaten normally, there would have been enough for everyone without a doubt. It's strange.

"Aww, I lost~. I couldn't eat the green pepper and pork strips or sweet and sour pork~. I'm so frustrated~. Kefu"

"Rikka, even if you say it while lying down and unable to move, your frustration won't come across."

Everyone is down.

"Sasha, this is the first time I've had such delicious food. After the tournament is over, would you please spread it throughout the Gardia Empire?"

"Yes, I don't mind. I'll spread it once you ascend to the throne as emperor."

"Thank you. I'll definitely become the emperor and show you."

It's a bit strange to become an emperor just for the sake of food. And so, the war called lunch came to an end."

After finishing lunch and taking a break, the discussion turned to the fighting tournament.

"As for the current situation in the Gardia Empire, there are factions supporting me, the first prince, and those supporting the second prince Suou. In a normal kingdom, the eldest son who inherits the blood of the king and queen becomes the next king. However, Gardia is different. Gardia seeks power, the power of attraction. The current emperor, like me, was a

conservative who wanted to protect the current state of the country and so the power was split evenly. However, since I was declared missing, Suou has become the next emperor. He intends to conquer the world with pure military might and strength. He has been steadily preparing for war in secret, and has formed an alliance with the evil race. This is an unforgivable act. Based on the information we have

gathered so far, he plans to summon the evil race during this tournament, dispose of the current emperor, and then defeat the evil race and become emperor with his own power. We must avoid this at all costs. Please lend us your strength!"

Shuri bowed deeply.

"I've already made up my mind. Shuri, lift your head up. If you're okay with it, I'll lend you my strength. Rikka will also participate in the fighting tournament, so it's perfect timing."

"As a matter of fact, I'm participating too. I intend to reveal my true identity during the main event."

I see, so they plan to reveal their true identity at the tournament and expose Suou's conspiracy.

"That's interesting. Shuri should focus on exposing Suou's conspiracy. We will eliminate the evil race that attacks us. And let's put the 'Distortion Field' on the emperor."

"That magic? I heard about it from Lich. It's a magic that can't be broken by any means, right? It's reassuring."

Only three days left until the tournament. Let's prepare our equipment.

"Can you show me Shuri's sword?"

"Oh, this is a mithril sword."

Hmm, it's just an ordinary sword without any modifications. Let's improve it.

"Shuri, can you tell me your proficiency level and magic control level?"

"I have a level 8 spatial magic, level 8 ice magic, level 9 magic control, level 9 magic circulation, and level 7 magic coating, which Lich taught me."

That's excellent.

"In these three days, I'll teach you time-space magic. If you level up to level 2, you can use gravity and teleportation freely. Teleportation is only for short distances, but it should be useful. And I'll also teach you the true essence of ice magic."

"What! Time-space magic and the true essence of ice magic! Got it, I'll leave it to you."

"Finn and Iris should also know their own strength. Fighting with Shuri will be a good practice for them."

"Yes!"

"Then, let's go to the zombie house now. There are still things left to do."

If you go to the closed zombie house, you can train without being noticed.

"So this is the zombie house. There are a lot of buildings I've never seen before. The rumored zombies aren't coming out?"

Come to think of it, I didn't tell Shuri that I had taken control of the Marco Ruins and the Zombie House. Then I told him in detail.

"Hey, hey, does that mean all the zombies up until now were forcibly summoned from another world as former humans? I can't forgive that Ryoichi guy. By the way, if you've taken control of this place, can you freely design the dungeon?"

"Yes, I can. But for now, there's no time, so we'll keep it as it is. I'll take care of unfinished business, so everyone can train here. Also, Shuri, use this Mithril sword over here. I'll improve yours from now on. As for space-time magic, ask the Lich to teach you. I'll join the training as soon as I finish my work."

"Uh, improvement? Well, I'll train for now."

I moved away from everyone else and quickly used space-time magic to pull my own space (the inn) and mental space (the space where the evil god was) towards me, connecting them with magic. Now, I can use the unique skill "Free

Dream". Let's try it out. Should I use a western-style zombie? Let's try referencing a certain game and set the max level of the concealment ability to be able to make it abnormally scary. The basic ability value is around 6000.

"All right, come out, western-style zombie!"

The ground glowed, and a large magic circle appeared. And then---

"Aah~"

"I did it, success! Yeah, the basic ability value is also 6000, so there's no problem. Plus, it's scarier and has more atmosphere than the previous Japanese-style zombie. After all, since it's a zombie house, let's use both Japanese-style and Western-style zombies. Let's try attacking Iris who's training. Go attack Iris now."

"Aah~"

The western-style zombie walked slowly towards Iris, who was

training.

"Feh, Iris, there's a zombie behind us!"

"Eh, kyaa~! When did a zombie get here?!"

Ah, I was able to surprise Iris, but she purified it with one hit. However, the 'Presence Blocking' skill is still effective. I should make sure to include it for zombies.

"Onee-sama, what are you suddenly doing?!"

"Sorry, I wanted to test if my unique skill worked. It worked perfectly. With this, we can make the New Marco Ruins and Zombie House."

"That zombie was scarier than any we've encountered before."

"Well, I designed it that way. The New Zombie House will have zombies with Presence Blocking like this one, and only be accessible at night."

"Master, I didn't notice the zombie's presence at all."

"I created the skill 'Presence Blocking' specifically for the Marco Ruins. As long as the level of the zombies' 'Presence Blocking' does not fall below the level of adventurers' 'Presence Detection,' they will continue to be caught off guard."

"Master's unique skill can do anything."

"Alright, next is weapon making. Let's get back to training, you two."

"Onee-sama, please stop with the zombies already."

I wish this unique skill could be used in the Spheretalia world, but it's

not possible in the current situation. Next, it's Shuri's weapon making. Mithril evolved from silver absorbing magic. As a result, it has good magic conductivity, but its hardness is lacking. Even if we evolve it one step further, it will only be equivalent to Orichalcum. That's not very interesting. Shuri's attribute is ice, so let's make a holy sword that specializes in ice. That could be interesting.

Would it be enough to use my magic (with ice and holy attributes) on a Mithril sword?

I'll put as much magic as possible into the Mithril sword and wait about a day. I'll put it in the 'Item Box.' In general, time stops flowing within this magic, but I can decide when to stop it, so it's convenient. My sword has finally evolved one step, but it's still incomplete. This is where 'Free Dream' would be useful, but this skill affects things directly or indirectly involved with it. For example, let's say I create a new skill called 'Evolution Acceleration' with 'Free Dream' and use it to create an evolved version of the Mithril sword. It can only be used within the Marco Ruins where 'Free Dream' is effective, but once we leave the ruins, the evolution will be undone and it will revert back to the original Mithril sword.

It's only effective on parts that my spiritual world is involved with. It's too inconvenient. Well, I knew that from the beginning, so it's fine.

Next, it's Finn's new weapon. Its evolution is already complete. When I took it out of the 'Item Box,' it was as black as my Shiden and Jin's cloud, with holy attributes and a silver blade. Hmm, its hardness and magical conductivity are impeccable. It's quite an exceptional weapon. The name of this Holy Claw is Kirin. It suits Finn's current strength perfectly.

When I returned to the training area to hand it over to Finn, she was crying.

"Hey Shuri, what have you done to make a girl cry like this?"

"It's a misunderstanding! It wasn't me. During training, Finn's Mithril Claw broke."

"Master, can it be fixed?"

Looking at the two Mithril Claws, they were both completely broken.

"At this point, it's impossible to repair them. They've been heavily used at the Zombie House, and their limits have been reached."

"No way~! My weapon~!"

"Finn, don't worry. Your new weapon is ready. From now on, use this one."

Saying that, I showed Finn the two Holy Claws.

"Wow~! What are these claws? They're so cool. Can I use them?"

"Yes, you can. I put an aquamarine on the Mithril Claw and completed it. The name of that weapon is Kirin. Regarding Finn's weapon, I'm always with you and understand various things about the position of your center of gravity and how to move your wrist, so I used magic to imagine and transform the Mithril Claw and create it. How is it to use?"

Finn put it on and moved around.

"Wow~, it feels great. This will be fine. Thank you, Master."

Yeah, it seems to be okay. In the remaining three days, let's also evolve Iris's Kotetsu Izayoi. As for the staff, it's currently being made. If things continue like this, we'll have enough time.

Only Rikka will participate in the fighting tournament, but I'll train everyone for the next three days. I want them to remember their current strength.

Chapter 78: Fighting Tournament Held

The three-day special training has ended.

Both Rikka and Shuri can now fully control their power. Shuri has been given a new weapon, Absolute Zero, which is a Mithril Plus sword specialized in ice, unlike previous swords. He tried to create an artificially-made liquid with a lower absolute temperature than liquid nitrogen, but he couldn't make it due to his incomplete image. Mithril Plus is different from previous metals, as it can grant three attributes. Therefore, by concentrating this power on ice, he succeeded in creating a liquid with an absolute temperature through the interaction between liquid nitrogen and Mithril Plus. But it turned out to be a considerably powerful magic sword. Shuri has also become capable of handling it to some extent.

Iris also developed a weapon, which evolved the Kodachi Izayoi. She changed its material from iron to Tamahagane, and she found out that, like my Purple Thunder, it can grant one magic attribute. Therefore, she granted it the Holy Magic

"Grudge Purify." Thus, I created several weapons myself, but they are equivalent to the Holy Sword that Sakuragi-kun has.

"I heard that the tournament will last for nine days, but when will the weapon division start? Let's ask Irma-san. I hope Rikka and Shuri won't be in the same block."

"If Shuri has a match, she can fight for a while and then lose, right?"

"Yes, that's right."

I feel sorry for Rikka, but Shuri has to win. Rikka and Shuri will be responsible for dealing with the appearing evil tribes.

Jin, Lich, Finn, and Iris will help with the sweep outside the venue. I'll be on standby until the end, as there is a possibility that the mastermind may appear. We'll take care of the evil tribes inside the venue with two people and the players, and then Shuri will reveal her

identity and expose Sou's conspiracy. The problem is whether the mastermind will appear or not. I think Ryoichi Suzumi will definitely show up, considering the incidents at the Marco Ruins and Zombie House.

Once we find him, we'll teleport to the Zombie House. It's the same even if multiple masterminds appear. There is a certain mechanism currently operating in the Zombie House. We can fight there.

"Master, can I have this Holy Claw?"

"Sasha, this magic sword too."

"If you say that, then my Kodachi too."

"You guys should check the details of your weapons in your status."

As instructed, the three checked their status.

"Ehhhh!"

"Your weapons are specially made. They are so powerful that there is a high risk of them being stolen and misused.

Therefore, they are set up so that only you can use them, just like the holy swords made by Sphere. However, Sphere's holy swords are limited to heroes and can only be used by the summoned hero, but these weapons are different. As stated in their status, they can be inherited. Eventually, you will grow old and will not be able to handle these weapons.

Inheritance will be useful at that time. In Iris's case, she can inherit the holy sword to the newly appeared saint. In Shuri's case, she can inherit it to the new emperor. In Finn's case, she can inherit it to her disciple or child. That way, these weapons will be used forever."

"Sasha, can I ask you something? In Finn's case, you understand her center of gravity and body movements because you are in a master-

student relationship, so you were able to create the Holy Claw. What about me? We've only met for a few days, but this evil sword fits my movements very well. I don't feel any discomfort."

Ah, that's what it is.

"That's right. That evil sword, Absolute Zero, was originally your mithril sword. You used that sword for quite some time, didn't you?"

"Yeah, it's my beloved sword that I've been using since I became an adult at 15."

"When you use a weapon for many years, the weapon itself adapts to the owner's movements. If you've used it for three years, Shuri, your whole being has been infused into the sword. I just evolved that sword."

"So I can use it without feeling any discomfort. What about repairing the weapon? There's no blacksmith to repair these weapons."

"That's not a problem either. All the weapons I made have a 'self-repairing ability' attached to them."

"Onee-sama, these are very convenient weapons."

"That's right. I am an Evil god with numerous skills and knowledge. I utilized them fully to create it. It would be impossible for an ordinary human to create it. Occasionally, some dungeon swords have self-repairing abilities. I utilized such knowledge."

Everyone was amazed.

"Sasha, I'm impressed. You're not boasting about being an evil god and are really trying to use all your power."

Of course. I haven't mastered it yet.

"Well then, let's transfer to Billbrem."

When they arrived at the entrance of Bilbrem, it was incredibly lively. There were street vendors everywhere. It was a festival because it was the beginning of the nine-day tournament.

When Irma was asked about the schedule, it went like this:

Days 1-3: Summoning Division

Days 4-6: Magic Division

Days 7-9: Weapon Division

The kings could only watch the final round. Now, what should they do? The weapon division that Rikka and Shuri participate in is not until seven days later, so they have plenty of time. Well then, let's go see the king first!

"Shuri, let's use 'concealment' to get to the king's place. We should use magic just in case."

"Ah, yeah. I don't think the evil tribe will appear on the first day, but it's better to be early."

"Everyone else is free to do as they please for the next six days. However, please avoid any conspicuous actions. I'll be busy from today, so everyone will have to cook their own dinner or eat at a set meal restaurant. Finn and Iris should be able to cook some dishes by now. Let's stay in my private room for accommodation. If I say it richly, we can go there by transfer. Well then, let's disband."

After separating from the five people, I headed to the residence where the king was with Shuri. On the way to the residence, I asked about Suou. He was 16 years old, a typical selfish brat. For those who can be

useful, he tries to be kind and create a network of people, but for those who are not useful, he completely ignores or treats them harshly. That's why many people hate Suou. This type of person is dangerous as they will try to change things by force if they don't like them.

"The more I hear about Suou, the more I want to assassinate him right now."

"Please spare him. Although he is a half-sibling, he is still my brother."

Shuri's weakness is his overly kind personality. Sometimes, people need to be treated strictly. As for Suou, let's leave it to Shuri. It seems that we have arrived at the residence. The security is tight as expected. In the usual way, it would be impossible to invade. However, there is no magical equipment related to magic tools. They are focusing on the capital because they obviously know about the war in Spheretalia, so they have deployed more personnel here.

"Shuri, should we sneak in?"

"I never thought we would enter this mansion in this way. No one seems to notice us because 'concealment' is effective.

The people there are all excellent knights in the order. Hmm, where is the captain of the knights? Has he been entrusted with defending the capital?"

"That's proof of how strong you've become, Shuri. You can defeat that order of knights alone now."

"I'm really scared because it's really possible. Let's enter through the back door. This way."

Entering through the back entrance, we arrived at the door to the room where the king was located. Here, the only magical device

installed was "Silent". Two knights were guarding the door. When they teleported to the edge of the room, there were two men there, the emperor and Suou. They seemed to be discussing something.

"Father, I believe my brother has indeed died in battle. Perhaps his body was burned by the evil tribe? We have officially announced him as missing, but perhaps we should change it to death."

"I have a feeling that Keith is secretly alive. It's a parent's intuition. Do you want him to be dead?"

"Of course not, I also hope that he is alive. However, considering that there has been no contact for two weeks..."

"We will not announce his death yet. At least for another month!"

"Understood. I will retire to my room."

That's Suou, definitely not someone you want to be friends with. Shuri quickly cast a spell on the emperor and left the mansion. Shuri had a subtle expression on her face.

"What's wrong?"

"I want to show myself to the emperor at least, and report that it's a dangerous situation."

Was there something on her mind?

"Alright, do what you want. I will investigate the surroundings. Let me know if anything happens."

They could communicate through their spatial magic transmission.

Shuri's perspective

I left Sasha and came back to the mansion. The emperor, no, my father, seemed to have a conviction that I was alive. It was probably just a gut feeling, but I couldn't talk about Sasha. So, I told him about the Suou situation. When I teleported into the room, my father was lost in thought. I undid the concealment and deception and spoke to him.

"Father, I'm sorry to have worried you."

Clank

"Keith, when did you come back?"

"I've been in Bilbrem since three days ago. I can't let Suou find me now, so I infiltrated using concealment and deception."

"Concealment and deception? There should be a high-level knight order around there. Your level and skill level weren't that high, were they?"

Normally, one would think so.

"First, let me tell you what happened to me. On the way back to the imperial capital, I was attacked by bandits. Dante was among them."

"What! I heard that Dante was killed by a lich in an S-class ruin."

"That's completely untrue. In short, Dante and his group came to assassinate me, but I turned the tables on them. The one who carried out the assassination was Suou."

"What! Does he want the emperor's throne so badly that he would kill his own brother? And someone saved you."

Let's keep Sasha's name hidden.

"Yeah, that person is incredibly strong. He killed Dante with one blow. His name is Lich. It's misleading, but he's different from the lich of the evil race. I've been training with Lich until now."

"One blow to Dante. He must be quite skilled."

"That's not the end of the story. Lich had a master. He saved me on the master's orders. For some reason, both the master and Lich seem to have taken a liking to me, and Lich will be my bodyguard until this matter is settled. Lich and I returned to the imperial capital together once. However, as soon as we arrived at the entrance, a trap was triggered, and we were teleported to an S-class ruin."

"To an S-class ruin! That's ridiculous. Only the evil race can use teleportation. Don't tell me..."

"That's exactly it. Suou teamed up with the evil race behind the scenes. I was investigating Suou's movements with my subordinates, but they caught on and took action against me. He thinks I'm dead now. And his next target is you, Father."

He also intends to have the evil race attack you and kill you in this tournament."

"What is he thinking? He's completely mishandling his power. I don't remember raising him like that."

He's always had a strong desire for domination. He must have been tempted by the evil race and couldn't stand it anymore.

"Father, I'll join forces with Lich's friends, we can protect the citizens until the end of the tournament. And during the tournament, one more person besides me will participate. If any evil tribe appears in the venue, me and my comrades will take care of it."

"Keith, who is the master who saved you? Why does he protect you

and me so much?"

"I asked the same question. He said that my father and I are necessary for the Gardia Empire. Thanks to him, I also became stronger. To tell you the truth, my basic ability value is over 30,000."

"Impossible! That's ridiculous to achieve in such a short time."

"I can't tell you the reason now. Even if I did, you wouldn't believe me. I'll meet you after everything's over. Earlier, the master and I visited this room, but neither Suou nor father noticed. At that time, we cast an absolute defense magic that could defend against any attack. As long as my father is under the protection of the master, father won't die."

"Such concealment that even the knights didn't notice, and an absolute defense magic...I want to talk to that master someday. Alright, I'll believe you. You just need to focus on fighting the evil tribe in the tournament. Keep it a secret from Suou, of course."

"Father, I will definitely protect the Gardia Empire. I won't let the evil tribe do as they please. Well then, I'll be going back for now. I'll see you at the tournament venue. I registered under the name of Shuri."

Saying that, I left the mansion.

I will never waste the life that Sasha saved for me.

Chapter 79: Finn Did It!

Finn's Perspective

Starting today, I have six days of free time. It feels liberating after a long time. My master warned me to be careful since there's a possibility that the evil tribe might attack me through the gaps in my protection. When my master is around, my sense of crisis that I'm being targeted myself fades away. It shows how much I rely on my master. During these six days, I will handle things myself. As a result

of discussing with everyone, three of us - me, Iris, and Rikka - will go in one group, and Lich and Jin will go in another. Iris has spatial magic, so we have secured a means of communication. We have decided to have our meals at a set meal restaurant. I received extra money from my master, and both Iris and I have earned some money, so we're okay. Now, where should we go?

"Hey, hey, Finn, I want to go to the academy!"

"Rikka-san, that sounds great. I'm interested too."

"The academy, huh? I think there's one in Bilbrem, so let's go. It should be open to the public at this time."

"Yay!"

Rikka and Iris have never been to the academy before, so they should be interested. I don't have many good memories there. I have learned S-class power now, but when I was enrolled in the academy, even though I was a princess with the protection of a divine beast, I was criticized by those around me because of my low ability values. I wonder how the facilities of the Bilbrem academy are now?

When we arrived at the academy, it was crowded with many people. There were students as well as ordinary people.

"Wow, it's big. Everyone studies here. I envy them."

"Iris, you could go to the academy in Sphereart."

"Rikka-san, it would be easy if I could. But due to my position, I can't go."

Iris is the saint of Sphereart, recognized by the whole world. She said that her schedule is tight, so she doesn't have time to go to the academy.

"Here you go, this is a pamphlet."

"Thank you."

When we entered the gate, a staff member gave us a pamphlet. As expected, I'm most interested in the training ground.

"Finn-nee, where do you want to go?"

"Hmm, I want to go to the training ground, but let's start with the classroom."

"Okay, let's go to the classroom. Is that okay, Rikka-san?"

"I'm fine with anywhere."

I read the brochure and found out that just like Redenburg, the nobles and commoners in the Gardia Empire are separated to prevent any disputes. It's inevitable because there are still some nobles who discriminate against and look down on commoners. I want to get rid of this somehow, but every country seems to be struggling with it. After being separated into nobles and commoners, it's only a matter of which department you belong to, just like in Redenburg. There are three: the Magic Department, the Weapon Division, and the Comprehensive (Specialized) Department. The Magic Department specializes in magic and teaches basic attributes and summoning. The Weapon Department(Divison) allows you to choose a weapon that suits your style and teaches you the skills for it. The Comprehensive Department teaches both magic and weapon skills. Some people can't use magic, while others are not good at using weapons. Everyone has their own strengths and weaknesses, so you have to belong to a department that suits your style.

"Finn-nee, the classroom is spacious. Everyone is studying here."

"Studying, huh? I prefer moving my body than studying."

At that moment, someone called out to us.

"Hahaha, stop it stop it. There's no point in studying for commoners like you guys."

When I looked at the speaker, there was a boy around 14 years old. From the way he spoke, he seemed to be a noble who discriminated against commoners. I have to keep Rikka from causing trouble.

"What are you talking about? Most adventurers are commoners. There are also many commoners in the knight order, and some of them are famous. There should be many excellent commoners in this school too. If you look down on someone just because they're a commoner, you'll regret it."

Huh? Did I sound like I was provoking him?

"What! Are you defying me? If you say that much, show me your power. Come to the training ground. I'll show you the difference in strength."

"Well, okay."

I feel like I caused a commotion.

"Finn-nee, is it okay? Onee-sama will be angry with us."

"It's still okay for now. As long as we don't cause trouble at the training ground."

When we got to the training ground, the noble was talking to an adult man. He was probably a teacher. The equipment at the training ground was amazing. They were all state-of-the-art facilities. There were also some equipment that I saw at the adventurer's guild. Suddenly, I felt magical power from behind.

"Hey, you! Watch out, it's dangerous!"

When I turned around, an intermediate-level fire magic was flying towards me. It was annoying, so I extinguished it with my hand.

"Fin, something's happening around here. Is it because of the fire magic from earlier? But with such a childish magic, even if it hit me directly, it would do no damage."

"Rikka, even if it does no damage, it can still dirty your clothes. And since there are small children around, it's best to extinguish it."

"Fin-nee, because you extinguished it, everyone is surprised."

Is that so? Oh, someone is approaching. Is it a teacher from here?

"Are you okay? You didn't burn your hand."

"I'm fine. That level of magic is no problem."

"What? That was an intermediate level, you know?... Sorry, it seems like one of the students here had a mistake in controlling their fire magic."

"No, I'm fine, so please tell the student that."

Now, when I looked for that noble, he was staring at us dumbfounded.

"If I show him my power, it should be fine, right? Which equipment do you want me to use?"

"Huh? Oh, uh, simulation battle, of course. Don't get too carried away just because you dismissed that fire magic."

"I see."

A simulation battle, I have to hold back. While the noble and I were talking, Rikka and Iris were also talking in a separate place.

"Hey, Iris, is that noble an idiot? He doesn't understand the difference in power at all. Even though he should have understood from the fire magic earlier."

"Probably because his pride is too high. And he chose the simulation battle too."

I don't know what they're talking about, but it's definitely talking badly about the noble.

"Hey, commoner, what are you doing? Come here! I'll take you on here."

Oh, this is the simulation battle location. There are people crowded around.

"What are the rules for this?"

"Until one side gives up."

"Is it okay to get injured in a simulation battle?"

"If you can do it, then try it!"

The teacher referee told me to choose a weapon, so I picked a iron claw. The noble had a iron sword. The referee gave the signal. The simulation battle began.

The noble rushed towards me, but it was slow, everything was too

slow. Body movements, swordsmanship, everything was third-rate.

"Haa, haa, haa, what's wrong? Can't keep up with me?"

We fought for a while, but he was still weak. Moreover, he was speaking while out of breath. On the other hand, I haven't even used my magic power and I'm not out of breath. Even in this state, he's still talking like that.

"Um, is that it? Are you not going to use magic?"

"Hmm, magic huh? Sure, let me show you. My flame magic!"

He started chanting. I could attack him now, but that would be cruel.

"Eat this! Haaa!"

Ah, it's definitely flame magic. He does have some talent, at least. The people around us started to panic. I should probably put out the flames just in case. I used wind magic to extinguish the flames.

"What! My flames were put out by just wind magic?!"

"Um, is that all? I don't want to waste any more time with this charade, so let's end it here."

"What do you mean, charade?!"

"I mean, isn't that obvious? I've been watching you to see how confident you are, but your movements, swordsmanship, and magic are all mediocre. The outcome of this battle is already clear, yet you still haven't realized it. If you were to go outside with that level of power, you would die immediately. I recommend that you train more. At least try to do something like this: 'Lightning Dragon.'"

I raised my right hand and summoned a lightning dragon that was

about 5 meters long in the mock battle arena. I was being quite lenient with it.

"W-What kind of magic is that?!"

"It's lightning magic. I created it myself. I'm going to release it at you. Please try to defend yourself."

"T-There's no way I can defend against that!"

"I don't know about that. You challenged me, didn't you? Haven't you learned that even in mock battles, there are times when people die? Please try to defend yourself."

"Aaaahhhhh!!!"

The dragon let out a roar and charged towards the noble.

"S-Stop it! I don't want to die! I give up!"

He finally said it. Just before the dragon hit the noble, I dispelled it. The judge was stunned and didn't declare my victory.

"Judge, what's the result?"

"Y-You win."

The people around us were making a commotion. This is strange, did I go too far?

"He's an annoying guy, but he had a pretty good level in swordsmanship and magic."

"That cute girl, she's treated him like a child, but who is she? I've never seen or heard of that last magic."

Oh well, it doesn't matter. When I returned to Iris and Rikka,

"Finn-nee, your actions are becoming more like Onee-sama's."

"Yeah, you were like Sasha-sama."

That's embarrassing.

"Huh? No way. I stopped just in time, and I didn't kill my opponent."

"Finn-nee, even after seeing that, can you still say that?"

I looked at the noble, and he was rolling his eyes and had wet himself. Oh no, that's terrible! Who did this? Wait, did I do that?

"Ah, yeah. Did I go too far? But that noble's spirit is too weak. It's just a threat, I wouldn't actually hit them directly."

"The other party didn't seem to see it that way. That's why we're in this situation."

I can't retort. Oh, I guess I'm becoming more like my master. It's a complex feeling, kind of happy and kind of not.

"Let's quickly leave here and take a break."

Let's move away from the training ground and wait for things to cool down. It should be safe here since we're far away.

"Ahaha, Finn caused a commotion. Is it punishment time?"

"Eek! Stop it, I don't want punishment just for that!"

I hate that.

"Rikka-san, Finn-nee seems really scared! Finn-nee, it's okay. They didn't even say your name, so it's within the acceptable range. No problem."

Y-yeah, you're right. They didn't say my name. It's barely safe.

"I'll just watch from here. I don't want to stand out."

"That's probably for the best. As for me, there was equipment at the adventurer's guild that I wanted to try out again since they had similar gear at the training ground."

Wait, you're going to try that?

"Iris, it's better to stop."

"It's okay. I won't do anything that would hurt a noble like Finn-nee. Oops, sorry."

Squish

You're too slow, Iris.

Chapter 80: Iris Did It!

Iris's perspective:

Finn-nee messed up, didn't she? I tried to console her, but she's still feeling down. Well, since we didn't introduce ourselves, I think it's okay. After taking a short break, I'll go back to the training ground and try punching the combat equipment. Based on my basic abilities, I should be able to put out around 40,000 if I go all out, but since I can't show that kind of number there, I'll try with 10,000.

"Sniff sniff, mmm, there are evil beings around here. I'll go defeat them, Finn-Iris."

“Huh? Wait, Rikka-san.”

“Ahaha, it's okay. I'll take a walk after defeating them and come back.”

“Eh, she's already gone. What should we do, Finn-nee?”

“There's nothing we can do. Let's go back to the training ground together. Sigh, let's try not to stand out.”

Well, Rikka-san should be fine.

But as Onee-sama said, the evil beings have invaded. When I heard about the infiltration method other than brainwashing, I was surprised and thought, "No way, it's such a simple method." That method was to use a magical device that converts the leaked evil energy from pretending to be human into magic power. From our human perspective, I wondered why they hadn't used that method to infiltrate before. When I asked Onee-sama about it, she said:

"Maybe for the evil beings, it was okay to disguise themselves as those who oppose them, but their pride got in the way of using magic power instead of evil power. So maybe they haven't used it before, or maybe they haven't developed it."

So there's pride in every race. Speaking of which, I completely forgot that Rikka-san was originally a griffin since she's been in her beast form lately. Her instincts have completely disappeared now. Onee-sama's cooking definitely had an influence on that. Oh, it's been about 30 minutes. Let's go back to the training ground.

"Finn-nee, let's go back to the training ground soon. Please watch from the side, Finn-nee."

“Okay.”

When we returned to the training ground, the place for mock battles was clean. That nobleman wasn't there either. Well, he exposed such

an ugly side of himself, so he probably won't be able to go outside for a while. It's kind of pitiful. Many people had gathered around the combat magical devices that we were aiming for.

"Oh, we're going to have to wait quite a bit for this."

"Yeah, everyone seems to be having fun. The tournament must be like a festival for the students."

"Finn-nee, look at that sign."

"Hmm?"

There was a sign next to the combat magic tools we were queuing for, and it read:

"[Limited to 12 years old and under. For those who exceed 1000 points, we have prepared wonderful prizes.]"

"---Iris, are you going to do it?"

"Well, I'll turn 13. Then it shouldn't be a problem."

"Are you sure about that?"

I'm sure it'll be fine. The four boys in front of me seem to be getting excited about that prize.

"Hey, if we get close to 1000 points here, we'll get attention."

"Why not go over 1000 points and send the prize to that girl?"

"Hey, Hans. Don't you have any girls you want to send it to?"

"Huh, no. Besides, I don't think 1000 points is possible."

"Hans, show more confidence. That's why Zoe makes fun of you, you know."

"Haha, I know, but when it comes to hitting people, I just can't put in any strength."

"Oh, crap, I gotta go to the bathroom. Hans, hold our place in line."

"Me too."

"Yeah, got it."

Saying that, the three boys left the line.

This Hans is too kind. But with that, he can't protect the girl he likes.

"I'm sorry, I overheard your conversation earlier. My name is Iris."

"Huh, ahaha, did you hear that? I'm Hans. Nice to meet you."

"Do you dislike hitting people?"

"It's embarrassing, but yeah, I'm not good at it. I just can't help but loosen my grip on my strength."

"My Onee-sama says that being kind alone isn't enough. Sometimes you need to have a strong heart that can stop your parents or best friends, even if it means hitting them, when you're facing a crisis. If you're too kind, you won't be able to protect the people you care about. You need to imagine a hated opponent when using this magic tool, and release all your magic power into your fists. The magic tool won't break under any circumstances! Please try to do that."

Perhaps my words had an effect, as Hans tightly clenched his fists.

"I absolutely don't want to be hated by him! Think of the magical tool as your hated enemy. Envelop your whole magical power into your fist and release it. Alright, Iris, I'll give it a try. Thank you, I feel like I've let go of something."

After that, her friends came back, and they continued with trivial talk.

"Hehe, as expected of you, Iris. You hit his weak spot right on the mark."

"The atmosphere reminded me of Ariel-san and Shuri-san. I couldn't just leave it alone."

Oh, it's Hans's turn now.

"Hey, Hans, do your best."

"Yeah, go all out like you're thinking of him."

"That's right, that's right. Do your best!"

Hans took a deep breath and concentrated all his magical power into his fist, just like I told him. Hehe, he's able to envelop his magical power now. It's up to his heart now. And then---

《Dooon》

Everything around us became quiet. The number had reached 4000. Amazing.

"Haa, haa, haa, how was that!"

"Hans, that was amazing!"

“You got 4000, 4000!”

“Hans, you can do it if you try!”

《Ooooh》

The excitement was incredible. Hans came over to me.

"Iris, thank you. Thanks to you, I feel like I've let go of something!"

"No, no, Hans-san, please look at your status. You should have acquired the 'magical power envelopment.' Please use it to protect your girlfriend."

"Huh? Oh, it's true. Is the sensation I felt earlier the magical power envelopment? Iris, thank you!"

Hans left with his friends.

Next, it's my turn. I'm sorry for Hans, but I have to confirm it for myself.

《Dgooooon》

"Alright, as expected, it's 10000 points."

When I looked around, everyone had their mouths wide open. Huh? Why? A student came over.

"C-congratulations? Do you want the prize?"

“Oh, I'm 13 years old, so I can't get it.”

“Wow, you're not a student here, are you? That's amazing.”

"No, I just learned some tips from my Onee-sama and put them into practice. I also taught that skill to Hans earlier, so if you tell him, he can acquire the 'magical power envelopment' skill. Even if you don't have the 'body strengthening' skill, that skill is easy to acquire. If you train, you should be able to exert several times your basic ability. It's a must-have skill for magic users."

"What? I didn't know there was such a skill!"

Upon hearing that, the students rushed over to Hans.

"Iris, you're causing a commotion in a different way. That boy, Hans, from earlier is starting to look pitiful. You're starting to resemble your master, too."

"Oh? I didn't expect to cause that much of a stir. Come to think of it, Onee-sama caused a similar commotion in Sphereart."

"Hehe, I did it. What should we do?"

"Well, let's run away from here."

"Eh, what about Rikka-san?"

"If it's Rikka, she'll notice right away."

"That's true."

And so, we escaped from the school. Hans-san, sorry, we'll leave the rest to you.

We returned to the plaza.

"We can't go back to the school anymore, can we?"

"Yeah, but we had a good time, so it's okay."

"That's right. The school was fun."

"Hey, Finn-Iris! Why aren't you at school?"

"Oh, Rikka-san. Sorry, I caused a bit of a commotion and ran away."

"Geez, what were you doing while I was taking care of the evil tribe?"

"Rikka, what happened to the evil tribe?"

"I took care of them all. There were about 10 of them, and they were discussing something about the future, but it was too troublesome, so I defeated them all."

Wait, they were discussing something about the future?

"Rikka, what were the evil tribe talking about?"

"I don't know."

Uh oh, that's not good.

"Hey, Rikka-san, that's not good. If Onee-sama finds out, she might say something like, 'Why didn't you ask before you defeated them?' and use her Grigri on us."

"Oh."

Rikka-san's face turned blue.

"Iris, what should we do?"

"I, I can't help with that."

"Maybe we should just punish ourselves?"

What is she saying?! I don't want that!

"Hey, Iris, let's ask Lich-san if these actions warrant punishment."

"That's a good idea. Let's communicate with her right away."

After communicating with Lich-san, he said that the lower-ranked evil tribe's members didn't have any important information, so it's not a problem. He even praised us for defeating them. After hearing that, we breathed a sigh of relief.

Chapter 81: Rikka Did It!

Rikka's perspective

Phew, that's a relief. If Lich-sama says there will be no punishment, then there won't be any. I'll be more careful next time.

I wonder where should we go next?

"Where should we go next?"

"Let's have lunch first, Rikka-san."

"Right, let's go to the set meal restaurant, even if it's a little early."

Oh, I see. If there are this many people, it's better to go to the restaurant early.

"Let's have some food."

We went to the set meal restaurant and had Thunderbird (C-class) stir-fry, but it was not that great. After we started walking outside, Iris

brought up the topic of Thunderbird.

"Rikka-san, what's wrong?"

"Thunderbird is more delicious when it has more of a zapping sensation."

"Hey, Rikka, that's because Thunderbird doesn't have an organ that releases unlimited thunder magic. I wonder if it would become a evil magic in that case."

"Really? Even though that zapping sensation is so good."

I know because I've eaten Thunderbird that has been roasted several times. I wonder why people don't eat that organ.

What a shame.

"Iris, Rikka, let's go see the Summoning Department's preliminaries. I want to see what kind of evil creatures everyone will summon."

"That's a good idea. I'm interested too."

"I want to see it too. Let's go!"

We went to the nearest Silver Arena from here, where the preliminaries were currently being held. We were told some precautions before we went to the spectator seats.

"There is a magic shield on the stage, so it should be safe, but occasionally, a summoned evil creature may ignore its master's command and go wild. At that time, please run away immediately. Also, please do not disturb the match under any circumstances."

We're just going to watch, so there's no way we would disturb anyone.

"Yes!"

We replied and headed to the spectator seats. Oh, the Goblin Knight and Ogre are fighting.

"I heard that some evil creatures become disloyal to their masters when they are first summoned, so there are times when they take advantage of their masters and go wild."

"Oh, I see."

"I see. Hey, Rikka, you were summoned too! You didn't think of defeating Onee-sama?"

What, Sasha-sama!

"No way, no way. It's impossible! The moment Jin and I tried to say something, we were immediately intimidated. I thought I was going to die. Since she's so strong, I thought it was better to just obey her. Later, when I asked Lich-sama, he said he almost got crushed by her intimidation. I'm glad we obeyed her right away. Now, Jin, Lich-sama, and I are all grateful to Sasha-sama."

I was able to become this strong thanks to Sasha-sama.

"Initially, Onee-sama subdued everyone by force, right?"

"Iris, everyone was like that at the beginning. The relationship between Ariel-san and the Chimera is rare."

Oh, the match is over. The Goblin Knight won.

"Finn, what happens to the Evil tribe after they are summoned?"

"It's the same as with Rikka. They form a master-servant contract and fight or go on adventures with their master when needed. What's

important here is their loyalty to their master. If the Evil tribe becomes too strong compared to their master and their loyalty is low, there may be times when they break the contract and kill their master. On the other hand, if their loyalty is high, the Evil tribe can guide their master. That's why even after the contract is over, you can't let your guard down. You have to face the Evil tribe you contracted with properly."

Wow, it's quite deep.

Oh, the next match has started. The Evil tribe that appeared is the Thunderbird and Adamant Turtle (B-class). Both of them look delicious. If you roast them whole, the Thunderbird is okay as a last resort. You can also roast the Adamant Turtle whole and eat it by removing the shell.

"Huh, both of them aren't moving. Are they trembling?"

"Finn-nee, is it just my imagination? They seem to be afraid of something?"

"Huh, there shouldn't be anything here that they are afraid of? Oh! Rikka, you're drooling. --- I don't think you're thinking about wanting to roast those two whole and eat them, right?"

Oh no, I was lost in thought because they looked delicious.

"I-I didn't think of such a thing!"

"Those two were clearly aware of Rikka-san. "

"It's just your imagination. Just your imagination."

That was close. In my case, even if I think a little, my magical power leaks out.

Oh, the match has resumed and Adamant Turtle won.

"Finn-nee, Adamant Turtle won, right?"

"I think it's reasonable. Adamant Turtle's shell is made of Adamantite, so it has high defense and can bounce off magic. It attacks the opponent by heating up its shell with flame magic and rotating. Plus, it can fly in the sky for a short time with storm magic, so it's pretty strong."

Finn's explanation is easy to understand.

"Since it's a summon, is it okay to kill them?"

"You can just say that the summoner has given up before it comes to that and release the summon."

I see. Huh? The surroundings have become noisy.

"Finn-nee, Rikka-san, that person seems to be a strong contender for the championship in this tournament."

Oh, I see. That person definitely has A-class magical power. I wonder if the summoned monsters are also A-class? And the summoner who will be the opponent is probably a B-class person. I wonder how this match will turn out?

"Will an S-class be summoned?"

"According to the rules, A-class or higher is prohibited, so I think an enhanced B-class monster will appear."

The summoned monsters that appeared were Adamant Needle Bee and

Organite. But that Adamant Needle Bee is quite enhanced. It definitely has A-class strength. Their collected honey is exceptional too~. Maybe I should summon Adamant Needle Bee and collect honey too. As for Organite, it's disgusting, so I don't care.

"For some reason, the Adamant Needle Bee's movements are sluggish."

"Rikka, you're not thinking of anything weird again, are you?"

Huh!

"It's okay, I've stopped thinking about it."

"Rikka-san, you shouldn't think too much. Probably, that Adamant Needle Bee is sensing that it's in a position to be eaten.

That's instinct."

"What? I only thought about it for a moment."

"It's not good because it affects the match."

Ugh, I'll be careful. Oh? That Organite is acting strange.

"Finn-nee, that Organite."

"Yeah, it's acting weird. It seems like it's struggling to escape from something."

Hmm, if we continue like this, it could be dangerous, right? The Organite is trying to break the contract.

"Ugaaa!! Hey, you piece of trash, what's wrong? I can't control it! Why can't I cancel the summoning!"

Oh no, it's rampaging.

"If we continue like this, it's dangerous. We need to cancel the summoning quickly!"

Hmm, it's already impossible. It's become stronger than the summoner who is just a B-class.

"Balin!"

"What? The magic shield broke! Stop it!"

"Finn-nee, what should we do? The magic shield broke!"

"We can go there, but let's leave it to the staff."

The staff is being beaten up. If we leave it like this, there will be casualties. The strong contender who is the opponent is just panicking. Oh well~. I moved directly above Organite.

"Rikka-san, look-----eh don't!"

"Oryaaa!"

Zuuuuun

I landed a chop on the top of Orga Knight's head. With this, it shouldn't die. Orga Knight had collapsed into the fighting arena, standing up with only its head sticking out, apparently fainted.

"Hey, Adamant Needle Bee over there. You could have handled this kind of enemy with your finishing move, right? Why didn't you do it? I'll roast you and eat you up!"

Oh, Adamant Needle Bee flinched and shook its head at me.

"Whatever. Hey, summoner of Orga Knight, even if you're about to

lose, don't badmouth the Orga Knight you contracted with. It got angry and went berserk because of that. Got it?"

Nod nod

Its mouth is wide open, but it seems to have understood. When I looked around, the officials and the candidate for the championship were surprised with their mouths wide open. Well, never mind.

"Then, I'm going back."

I returned to Finn and Iris's seat.

"Rikka~ what are you doing~!"

"If I left it like that, someone would have died. Doing that is the quickest way to solve it."

"Rikka-san, that may be true, but please look. The match has been completely interrupted."

"It's better than someone dying. We should quickly move on."

"Everyone is too shocked to respond to such a sudden event."

"In the end, all of us ended up taking noticeable actions."

That way, even Sasha-sama's will forgive me. I helped someone after all.

Chapter 82: Sasha, let's go to school

Returning sasha's point of view:

We finished subjugating the evil tribe in the city of Bilbrem for today. Oh, Shuri came.

"Have you finished your side too?"

"Yeah, they had made significant progress. There are still more around, though."

"Well, there are probably more. We'll defeat them as soon as we find them."

"Is that okay? They might have important information."

"We don't need that kind of information. Most likely, they are planning to strike the king's heart during the climax of the tournament. And after witnessing the king's death, a space-time rift will open up in the sky, causing a large number of evil tribe to invade."

The evil tribe don't just attack people and take their souls. The power of resentment, confusion, fear, and hatred that arises at that time is essential. Therefore, they should create the most chaotic situation in this tournament. If the tactics and masterminds in the memory of the evil god are involved, it is highly likely that they will use the tactics we just talked about.

"Hey, it's not good to jump to conclusions."

"I'm not jumping to conclusions. I'm just thinking that they will probably do it this way, considering the tactics of the evil god and the masterminds. Some of the masterminds are probably summoners from Japan, and they will think of the tactics that we just talked about. Of course, there is plenty of possibility that they will come up with something else too."

"So, it's a tactic that is calculated from the memory of the evil god and the mastermind."

"That's right. For now, if they attack the king during the tournament, we will use that method."

"Oh, that one. Father will be surprised. Well, he'll probably realize our intentions."

We are also steadily preparing. Although it's mostly Shuri who will execute it. This time, just like with Sphereart, we'll move in the shadows. My battle will be the real deal when the masterminds show up. I have practiced and trained my skills and magic a lot. I don't know exactly how much my basic abilities have increased, but it's probably around 200

million. The question is, how strong are the masterminds?

"Sasha, don't you contact your classmates?"

"I could if I wanted to, but why do you ask?"

What are you talking about all of a sudden?

"At least, why don't we tell the hero and saintess and ask them if they know how to turn Sasha back to her human form?"

They must be looking for a way to do so, right?"

"Yes, they might be searching for it in the elven kingdom even now. The hero and saint don't know that I have become an evil god. If I tell them now, I don't think my classmates will be a problem. However, I think it might cause trouble with the people around us. For example, the aristocrats of the Thermia Kingdom. Even in Sphereart, very few people know that I am a evil god. That's why I won't say it directly."

"I see, what do you mean?"

"I know some adventurers that I met during the Sphereart War. I trust them, and they know that I am an evil god. Perhaps they are also blessed by the power of the evil god. Among them are S-class adventurers Burn-san and Rifia-san. They should be protecting the hero and the others now, and indirectly telling them about me."

"I see, you are very cunning."

Well, I'm worried about Sakuragi-kun and Mika-chan, but for now, it's the fighting tournament. Today's investigation is over. I've had dinner, so I'll take a bath and rest.

When Shuri and I entered the exclusive room together, there was a strange atmosphere inside. Oh, someone must have done something.

"Something feels strange. Did someone do something?"

Shuri was the first to sense the situation. Then, Finn, Iris, and Rikka all flinched. Had these three been scolded by Lich or Jin?

"Jin, explain."

"Yes, actually---"

I see. Finn dueled with a noble, Iris taught a magic-wielding student how to cast, and Rikka interfered in the middle of a summoning department match.

"So, Jin scolded them lightly. Don't worry, there won't be any punishment."

Hearing that, all three of them breathed a sigh of relief.

"Finn, you haven't introduced yourself to each other, but be careful not to speak provocatively in the future."

"Yes."

"As for Iris, well, it's okay. The unfortunate thing is the student who learned magic-wielding. They'll be bombarded with questions from all

the students for a while."

"Eh~! Is it that bad?"

"Of course. It wasn't a problem in Sphereart, but the Galderia Empire, where it hasn't spread yet, is different. That skill will become essential for weak magicians. Moreover, since the abilities of the students are still underdeveloped, I think they'll want it as soon as possible. Well, the method of acquisition is easy, so don't worry, but I'll go see it tomorrow. Iris, come with me."

"Yes, I understand."

Finn and Iris seem a little dejected. Well, maybe it was good medicine for them.

"It's not good for Rikka to interfere in the middle of a match, but considering the situation, it can't be helped. Good job helping people, Rikka!"

"Yay, I was praised!"

"But when you're in the audience, don't think about eating. Even if you're not casting magic, the evil tribe can easily sense the upper ranks by instinct. Or rather, you were also a former evil tribe, so you should know! Be careful."

"Yes, I'm sorry."

I remember what I did in Sphereart. I can't scold them too much since I make mistakes myself.

"Now, it seems like everyone has finished their meal. Shall we have

some fruit?"

With that one sentence, the atmosphere in the room became calm.

As they ate fruit, Finn spoke up.

"What were our master doing?"

"Shuri and I snuck into the room where the emperor was staying and secretly activated the 'Distortion Field.' After that, I took care of the lurking evil tribe, while Shuri snuck back into the room to talk to the emperor before taking care of the evil tribe again."

"You just committed a serious crime just by sneaking into the emperor's room."

"It was to save the emperor. It's within acceptable limits, don't you think?"

"Hahaha."

Finn and Iris chuckled wryly.

"Sasha-sama, tomorrow, Jin, Finn, Rikka, and I will take care of the lurking evil tribe. Sasha-sama, Iris, and Shuri, why don't you enjoy the school festival?"

"Oh, that's a good suggestion, Lich. Yes, tomorrow is also the qualifiers, so it should be fine. We'll leave the evil tribe to you four."

"Yes, ma'am!"

On the second day of the tournament, we'll follow Lich's words and

play around at school.

"Shuri, Iris, let's go to the school!"

As we walked down the street after leaving our private room, everyone was discussing what happened yesterday.

"Hey, did you hear? At the Silver Arena qualifying round, a little girl knocked out Ogre Knight with a single blow when he tried to go wild despite being stopped by the main referee. And, apparently, Ogre Knight's head was the only thing sticking out of the stage after that blow."

"Really? I heard it was about the school. A little girl apparently scored 10,000 with a short-range magic tool. Moreover, she said that if she trained and learned a skill called 'Magic Cladding' she could score 10,000 depending on how she did it.

Actually, she taught it to a student at the school, and he was able to score 4,000!"

"That's gotta be a lie. There's no way a little girl could score 10,000!"

Hmmm, it's even more of a fuss than I expected. Especially, everyone is talking about the "Magic Cladding" skill. I should meet with the school principal and teach it officially. When I look at Iris, she's all flustered like a hamster. It's cute in its own way.

"Why is such a big fuss being made about this? Onee-sama~."

"Let's meet with the school principal and teach 'Magic Cladding' officially. That would be the quickest way. By now, the student Iris taught is probably being bombarded with questions. Let's relieve him of those questions."

"I'm sorry, Onee-sama. Please do it."

"'Magic Cladding' is a skill that will definitely be necessary in the

upcoming battle against the evil tribe. I'm actually grateful to Iris. If there hadn't been such a fuss, I would have taught it after the tournament was over and things had settled down. Iris's actions are a wonderful thing that will greatly reduce the number of casualties in battle. Don't be discouraged."

"Ugh, Shuri-san, thank you so much. Your words really saved me."

Hmm, I feel like Shuri could sweep women off their feet with words like this. He's actually handsome, and every woman who passes by is looking at him. Who will be the one to win over Shuri?

Upon arriving at the school, it was livelier than expected.

"I'm curious about what will happen to the noble who wet themselves during their fight with Finn. Let's ask around and see if anyone knows."

"I don't really care about someone like that."

You're so harsh. I don't really care either.

When I asked the students about yesterday's mock battle, they said that the noble who lost went straight to the infirmary and regained consciousness immediately with recovery magic. After hearing the details, he became enraged and hurriedly contacted his family, saying that he was now looking for Finn. He's an idiot for wetting himself after losing the mock battle, and it's all his own fault.

"They're probably looking for Finn now with their family in tow."

"Hey, is it okay to leave Finn alone?"

"It's fine. They'll probably just get beaten up by Finn and her group and end up peeing themselves again. In the end, they'll either be left lying around or hanging at the entrance of their noble house with the name of 'Peeing Nobles' forever."

"Wow, that's the worst. I wouldn't put it past you and your group."

"He's just unlucky for meeting Finn. Let's hope they don't cross paths again."

They'll probably meet again, though. In novels and such, those types of people usually encounter the same fate of getting beaten up and humiliated. Let's ask Finn about it at night. Hopefully, it'll be as satisfying as we expect.

"Do you want that to happen, Onee-sama?"

"I just think it would be interesting if it did."

Now that we know the situation with the noble, let's go to the close-range magical device section.

Chapter 83: The Importance of Basic Skills

When I went to the area with close-range magical tools, there was a crowd of people. In the center was a boy around 14

years old. Probably, this boy is Hans-kun. He also seemed to notice Iris.

"Iris! Thank goodness. I'm getting bombarded with questions about magic armor from everyone. I just learned about it, so I can't explain it in detail. I need your help."

"That's why I brought Onee-sama with me. Onee-sama taught me how to use magic armor."

Should I introduce myself?

"You're Hans-kun, right? I'm Sasha. Nice to meet you."

"Wow, uh, yes, my name is Hans. Nice to meet you too."

For some reason, Hans-kun is nervous. Is he shy around new people? When I was about to teach him, an elderly man approached.

"I apologize for suddenly intruding. I am Flow Reed, the principal/headmaster of this academy. As you know, the skill that Hans-kun learned, 'magic armor,' is causing a commotion. Sasha-san, I apologize for my impolite request, but could you teach us this skill?"

"My name is Sasha. Of course, I don't mind. That's why I came here."

"Thank you very much. I was also surprised when I heard about it from Hans-kun. This skill is effective not only for those who specialize in combat, but also for those who specialize in magic. Children of magicians were flocking to Hans-kun.

Some have already learned it. I also want to learn it, so please teach me. Let's see, how about preparing and teaching it from 1:00 pm at the main auditorium?"

The main auditorium?! We're going to do it in such a large place!

"Yes, I understand. I'll enjoy myself until then."

After parting with the principal, many students, including Hans-kun, came flocking. Among the commotion, some people tried to touch my butt or chest, so I silenced them with intimidation.

"I'll teach you all properly, so don't rush to come all at once. Otherwise, I'll force you to be quiet."

"Anoo, Onee-sama, everyone here understands how scary Onee-sama is. Their faces turned pale, so please stop it."

So I had no choice but to release my intimidation. It seems like they really understand how scary I can be. I spent about 30

minutes teaching them what magic armor is.

"Everyone, we will discuss the remaining matters at the main auditorium from 1 pm today, so please come on time."

"Yes!!!"

With that, everyone dispersed.

"Sasha, it was tough for you. With your initial intimidation, it seems like everyone has changed their perception. They were all obediently listening to Sasha's words."

"Seriously, there are too many people. After we teach all the teachers at the main auditorium, we'll have them do it at the academy. Even after the lecture, students will come, so Iris and Shuri will help me. That way, it'll be a lot easier."

"I don't mind. I've been strictly taught about mana-wielding by a Lich, so I'm fine."

"I've been training for a long time, so I'm fine too. But after the tournament, if it's revealed that Shuri-san who taught us mana-wielding is Prince Keith, it'll cause a stir in a different way."

"Haha, that's true."

In Shuri's case, regardless of whether she's related to Prince Keith or not, she'll be surrounded by female students. I wonder if Iris will be surrounded by boys of similar age? As for me, I wonder what will happen since I used intimidation earlier.

At 1pm, the preparations for the auditorium were complete, and I was finally going to teach "Magic Cladding" to a large group of people. The auditorium was packed with people, and it seemed that there weren't enough chairs prepared. With this many people, it would surely become hot and stuffy, so I cast a magic spell to let a cool breeze like an air conditioner pass through the entire auditorium.

For some reason, the people around me started to get noisy with just that. Ah, I guess even the teachers were surprised and didn't have the concept of an air conditioner. I'll take advantage of that.

"Wow, it's cool. I felt the magic earlier, but she used magic for us."

"But, I've never heard of this kind of magic before. Amazing."

I went up on stage and moved to the center where the small magic tools were placed. Iris and Shuri were sitting on chairs next to me. After a brief self-introduction, I finally began explaining the skill.

"First of all, before I explain the skill, there is something I want to say. The magic you are learning in this academy is something that past people have created. Many people create new magic, and only the excellent ones survive. To be honest, even academy students can create simple new magic. Now, the magic I'm using is called 'Cool.' I'm just using water magic to create 25°C steam and sending it to the entire auditorium using wind magic. Actually, even people with high magic manipulation skills among you can do it. What I want to say is, don't be bound by past magic, and create new types of magic on your own."

"Wow!"

"Clap, clap, clap"

"Next, 'Magic Cladding' is something I came up with after receiving complaints from wizards. Wizards are excellent in magic, but they are weak to physical attacks no matter what. Therefore,----"

Mixing in some lies, I explained what Magic Cladding was in detail. After the explanation, I taught the skill to the teachers, including the principal. As expected, teachers had high magic circulation and magic manipulation skills. They all learned it quickly. The wizard teacher checked his status after using it and seemed to have tears in his eyes as his ability value had increased by about 2.5 times.

"Everyone, are you ready? Don't neglect the basic skills of magic circulation and magic manipulation. If these two skills are low, then the magic cladding will inevitably be low as well. And if you can maximize these three skills, your basic ability values can be increased up to 3-4 times during magic cladding. And as I showed earlier, by concentrating magic in a localized area such as the fist during magic cladding, the attack power of that part can be increased up to 5-8 times. If combined with body strengthening skills, the effect will be even greater."

"Wow!!" *Clap Clap Clap*

Cheers and applause were sent to me. The school principal was in tears. Hmm, it seems like everyone really wanted this skill, to receive such praise.

Afterward, the teachers, myself, Iris, and Shuri taught magic cladding to many people. Only young men came to me, only boys went to Iris, and a wide range of women of all ages went to Shuri. Everything had settled down by 5:00 p.m. The school principal said, "Please come to my room, I want to thank you," so we headed there.

"I'm really tired."

"Yes, I didn't expect so many people to show up."

"Well, now everyone can fight if the evil tribe attacks."

Knock Knock "Please come in."

When we arrived at the principal's office and entered the room, the principal welcomed us with a gentle smile. We sat on the sofa, took a sip of the drink he prepared for us, and then the principal thanked us.

"Sasha, thank you very much for this time. First of all, this is a thank you for your lecture."

I received the gift and checked the contents, which were 10 platinum coins (worth one million yen).

"Oh, you shouldn't give us this much."

"No, this is not enough. Magic Cladding will become essential in the upcoming battle against the evil tribe. It will be necessary not only in this school but also in the Gardia Empire. Please accept it."

"Sasha, just take it. This is the school principal's sincerity."

Even Shuri was on the school principal's side.

"I understand. I'll accept your thanks."

"Thank you very much. By the way, I plan to report to the emperor tomorrow. Could you come here the day after the tournament ends? I want you to meet the emperor."

I figured that would be the case. Considering Shuri's situation, I might as well resign myself and meet with him.

"Understood. What time should I come?"

"Is 2:00 pm okay?"

Ah, so the emperor is definitely coming here.

"Yes, that's fine. I'll come at 2:00 pm."

"The emperor will be pleased as well. Right now, there's also Keith Prince's situation to consider, so hearing this news should ease his mind a bit. Also, after Sasha's lecture this time, the students should

understand just how important basic skills are. Lately, children have been neglecting their basic skills and focusing solely on practicing magic, which was evident in yesterday's incident with the fire magic going out of control. From now on, we plan to focus on basic skills while using this 'magic coating' as a foundation. Thank you very much for this opportunity."

Even after being praised excessively by the school director and leaving the room, students approached and thanked me.

"Onee-sama, I was moved by the content of your lecture as well. From now on, I will work hard in my training without neglecting the basics."

"Did Sasha aim for this to happen?"

"Well, I'd like to say that, but the 'magic coating' was just a coincidence. When we were still training in the castle, I was the weakest at the time."

"I can't imagine you being the weakest, Onee-sama."

"True."

"Well, anyway, back then, I was desperate to catch up with everyone. The 'body strengthening' skill that my classmates were using gave me an idea. I thought that maybe I could strengthen myself with magic, and it turned out that I could."

"Even as the weakest, Onee-sama is still Onee-sama. It's not something that can be done easily."

I was desperate to survive at that time. Well, thanks to that, I am where I am now.

"Hey, isn't it noisy over there?"

Oh, there's a huge crowd. I wonder if something happened? When I went to where the commotion was, I saw about ten nobles hanging about 5 meters above the fountain in the center of the square. The way they were hung was interesting. A long, icicle-like rod was passed from the cuff of their arms to the hem of their clothes, and they were hung that way.

Something was dripping from their clothes, and their faces were filled with fear as if they had seen a monster, and they had lost consciousness. Seeing this state, the onlookers were all rolling on the floor laughing.

"Those nobles, someone did something to them. Look at their expressions, it's a masterpiece."

"Hehehe, ahahaha, it's true. I never liked them from the beginning."

"That's right, it's a masterpiece. Let's just leave them as they are. They're peeing themselves and I don't even want to touch them."

"Yeah, let's leave those peeing nobles alone!"

"That's a good idea. From now on, they'll be known as the peeing nobles."

"Onee-sama's words have become reality."

"Peeing nobles, how pitiful, it won't disappear for their whole life."

"I never thought it would actually happen. Let's praise everyone later."

"You're going to praise them?!"

Those foolish nobles will serve as good medicine for us. Now, let's go home and rest.

Chapter 84: Summoning division tournament has begun and the mastermind appearance Today, the main tournament of the

Summoning Department is being held in the Gold Arena, where the surrounding security and "Magic Shields" are the strongest. As for me, I'm away from the Gold Arena, relentlessly subjugating the evil tribes lurking around. The reason is...

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Finally, it's the main tournament of the Summoning Department. The emperor and Suou might appear in the VIP seats.

Depending on the situation, the battle with one of the black-hearted people, Ryoichi Suzumi, might start today. I'm a little nervous. Come to think of it, this is my third time fighting high-rank evil tribes on the ground here in Bilbrem. In the Great Forest and Sphereart, I only had actual contact with Wyverns. Apart from Bilbrem, I've had combat contact with someone else. In Bilbrem, most of them were subjugated with one surprise attack. Hmm, come to think of it, I don't remember ever fighting someone face to face. This time, I'll be fighting face to face for the first time.

"Master, it's finally the main tournament of the Summoning Department. Will the enemies come today?"

"Well, I can't predict that far. During the main tournament, we'll also be wary of the evil tribes in the Gold Arena."

"Kukuku, my lord. Depending on how things unfold this time, there may be a possibility that the battle itself will not occur."

"What do you mean, Lich?"

"That depends on how the evil tribes appear. Let's look forward to it until then."

Hmm, it's concerning. Oh well.

"Well then, let's go to the Gold Arena."

When we arrived at the Gold Arena, it was very lively. There were also street vendors around, offering various delicious foods. Once inside, the atmosphere changed. There was a sense of tension in the air. As expected, since the royal family is also watching, everyone is careful about their speech. We also sat in an empty seat.

"Oh, Shuri and I will also be fighting here. It looks fun."

"Rikka, first win the preliminaries. Well, you'll easily make it through, though."

"Yes, I'm looking forward to the preliminaries."

"Onee-sama, the pairings for the preliminaries in the weapons department were posted. Shuri-san will compete in the Silver Arena, and Rikka-san will compete in the Gold Arena. There are eight spots available for the main tournament. The battle method is Battle Royale, and when there are only two people left, they will earn the right to participate in the main tournament. Then, in the losers' resurrection match, the remaining two will be determined."

I see, it's a Battle Royale. It's good that Rikka and Shuri won't fight in the preliminaries. Oh, someone's coming out. It's about to start.

The emcee, commentator, and referees for the main event were introduced, followed by the Emperor's speech. It lasted about three minutes, but I don't remember the content. It was like the principal's speech at school. The participating players also introduced themselves, and the first round finally began.

"Finally, it begins. I don't know if the evil tribe will attack today, but we will definitely protect Billbrem."

"Shuri, don't be too stiff. You might be nervous, but let's watch calmly."

"Oh, yeah."

Two players entered and summoned the summoned beasts they had contracted with. The summoned beasts were Black Viper and Mithril Maimai (a giant snail covered in mithril).

"Let the match begin!"

The referee gave the signal to start the match.

What's going on? Neither of the two beasts is moving. They don't seem to be restraining each other or trembling. The players were also puzzled and talked to each other.

"Hmm? This is similar to the qualifiers, Finn. I haven't thought of anything this time!"

Is it just my imagination, or do those two beasts seem to be looking at me?

"Kukuku, it is indeed the fault of my master."

"Why? I'm not even using any magic, I'm not intimidating anyone, and I'm not even thinking unnecessary things. I'm just watching."

"That's the problem. Master transcends us by far. Even just watching, it puts pressure on the evil tribes. And since breaking through the Zombie House, I've heard that the system's limit has been exceeded. Because of crossing a certain kind of wall, it has become difficult even just to watch."

"What? I'm an evil god. I understand if the humans are scared, but why would the evil tribe be scared?"

"Have you not realized yet? You have only been subjugating the evil tribe and have not subjugated any humans. Then there is the mass cleansing of the zombie house. Master has already moved from the dark evil god's territory to the light goddess's territory. Soon, the race may also be replaced from the evil gods to the light goddess. The goddess and the evil god are two sides of the same coin. If the goddess

continues to subjugate humans, she will become an evil god. Likewise, if the evil god subjugates the evil tribe and saves humans, it will become a light goddess."

Oh, I didn't know that. Light Goddess! That's too embarrassing.

"Wow, master is amazing! That suits you better."

"Yes, being the Goddess of Light is amazing, isn't it?"

"Haha, Sasha, your face is all red. It's okay, Sasha, the Goddess of Light!"

"I'm so embarrassed, I feel like I'm going to die. Anyway, I'm leaving the arena for now. The match hasn't started yet. If anything happens, I'll come flying back right away."

I quietly left the arena.

About 30 minutes after subjugating the lurking evil tribe, I suddenly felt a presence from behind. Slowly but surely, it was getting closer to me. This presence is a considerable expert. I never thought I would actually confront them today. In novels, it's a common trope for the strongest opponent to show up at the end, but it's not always that convenient in reality.

Let's move to a place with fewer people.

"Is this area good enough?". After waiting for a while, a boy approached me from behind. He looked around 14 years old and still seemed like a child. Judging from his features, he must be Ryoichi Suzumi.

"Nice to meet you, I'm Ryoichi Suzumi."

"Nice to meet you too, I'm Sasha Falling."

"Kukuku, Sasha Falling? Isn't that a mistake for Akane Shimizu?"

"Wow, it seems like you've done your research."

"Yeah, I did. You're going to do it, aren't you? I can hardly detect your presence for some reason. It was tough to capture your existence."

Hmm, He can't sense my existence? That's strange. I designated only Saria for my unique skill "Existence Concealment."

"I see. So, what's the point?"

"I saw interesting things during the war in Sphereart. You created many new magic and technologies and taught adventurers, leading the war to victory. You're truly a hero."

What is he trying to say?

"You don't like the fact that the evil tribe lost?"

"No, no. To me, the evil tribe is just a toy. I don't care what happens to those guys. Not just the evil tribe, everyone in this otherworldly Sphereart is my toy. But the thing I dislike the most is you, who didn't let me sense your existence, manipulated the human side well, and led the war to victory. I am a god. Everything should roll on my hand. I don't need an unexpected human like you. Moreover, you cleared the zombie house that I put so much effort into making and purified all the Earthlings I caught. I have to gather them again. I can't even enter the zombie house. I knew the dungeon core had been rewritten just by looking at it. I'm really curious how a fragile woman like you managed to do that."

Hmm, his magic power is leaking out. He's pretty angry.

"Hey, can't we fight somewhere else? If we fight here, many people will die. There's an empty space without buildings in the zombie house, so let's move there. You should understand the sturdiness best since you made it, right?"

"Ah, okay. The result won't change no matter where we fight though."

After getting approval from Suzumi, we transferred to the zombie house.

[As planned!]

Shall we have you spill everything, including the details?

Chapter 85: Ryoichi Suzumi

When they transferred to the zombie house, Ryoichi immediately began to complain.

"I had various buildings deployed in this area, but they've all disappeared."

"I disposed of them because they were in the way."

"Disposed of them? Do you know how much trouble I went through to summon them from Earth?"

"Do you even understand the significance of summoning from Earth?"

"Do you understand the impact of summoning people from Japan in the past to the present?"

"Oh, that's not a problem. My father was a Japanese historian, and our house has a tremendous amount of data. I've been reading it since I was a kid. There was an unresolved missing person case in the data from Japanese history. I used that. I wouldn't summon anyone without knowing anything. If my ancestors were there, there would be no turning back."

"So, you're the culprit of that missing person case. Why did you summon people from modern times?"

"It's not a big deal. Earth's population has apparently exceeded six billion people, so summoning a few hundred from there shouldn't be a problem."

This guy is completely crazy! He kills the summoned people and plays with them in his own game. He has no guilt for ruining the lives of people from the past or a few hundred people from the present. At this point, rehabilitation is impossible.

"I have one question. You're one of the members summoned 500 years ago, right? Why didn't you return to Japan?"

"That's obvious. There's nothing interesting there. It's nauseating to think about going back and starting the usual mundane life again. Well, I think that hero Kazuichi and saint Akemi probably fell in love and went back and got married. I thought it was more interesting to stay here. It was fun to think that my races became gods and they rolled around in the palm of my hand. I've had enough of inter-world wars, so I played around in one country. Well, from another perspective, it's probably peaceful."

Listening to this conversation is becoming unbearable.

"God race. So, you seem to be on good terms with Sphere and Saria."

"Yeah, those two. Sphere is a good goddess, but just an idiot. I trusted Saria completely, so... well, I still don't know about Sphere and Saria's relationship, and I don't care."

"You don't know? You should find out!"

"You think Saria might be using me?"

"Well, she probably did use you. But it's because our plans aligned. Thanks to Saria, I became a god."

So, Saria is a higher being than Ryoichi.

"From what I can tell, there are probably others besides you who are being used by Saria, right?"

"Yeah. The only ones I know of are Sae and Tsutomu."

"Sae and Tsutomu? Members summoned 500 years ago?"

"Yeah, that's right. They cooperated with Saria for a while, but there was a difference in opinions. I heard they had a falling out. I don't know where they are now."

Sae and Tsutomu. If the race was still maintaining the gods, there's a chance they're still alive.

"Your and Saria's goal is just to play around. You want to see how people and evil tribe will react by manipulating Spheretalia from above."

"Hahaha, that's right! We're gods, so we can do whatever we want. Sphere was in the way, so we got rid of her. We manage the system, manipulate it without being noticed, occasionally causing serious errors for Sphere to fix. By repeating that, her power gradually weakened and her mind became unstable. I thought about killing her, but she quit her job. Now, she's gone from Spheretalia and has run away to another world. Because of that, we can't touch her anymore."

Oh, she ran away to another world. She wasn't a bad god, but she trusted too much in those around her. Saria, Ryoichi, and the others used and expelled Sphere. And now, they're freely manipulating Spheretalia

"Hey, can you tell me how to get to the management world?"

"Sorry, I don't know either. We can only go there through transfer, and I have no idea about the coordinates."

This guy is useless. Is playing in this world enough?

"Hey, can you really trust me to tell me such important information?"

"It's fine. You're going to die here anyway."

I wonder if he haven't realized yet that he is already falling into my trap.

"Hey, even though you have no power left, you're still going to fight?"

"Huh? What are you talking about? Are you afraid of my power?"

"Why don't you use that power?"

"Fine. Die, 'Railgun'!"

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"What's wrong, 'Railgun'? Why can't I use magic?"

Of course, you can't. I've absorbed all the power you have, except for your level. Under the influence of my unique skill, I can do anything here. As soon as you entered here, I absorbed your power and copied all the information you had into my status. If you ask me, I'll make you confess to everything.

"It's useless. You're just Ryoichi Suzumi, a mere human, not a god or anything else. You became that way as soon as you entered this zombie house. By the way, no one will come to help you, and even Saria can't detect you."

"That's ridiculous! It can't be possible unless you're a god."

Oh, this person only detected my presence, but doesn't know that I am a malevolent god. He is a foolish. Analyze your enemies before you come.

"But, it's possible. Check your status and see for yourself."

Ryoichi checked his status and his expression turned pale.

"I'm...back to being a human. That's ridiculous! You can't do that once you've changed your race. This must be an illusion!"

In a way, it is an illusion. You'll return to your original form when you return to the outside world. However, it's true that you can't change back once you've changed your race. Thank you for the valuable information.

"If you use the system, it'll be fine."

"Huh, this isn't a game. Once you change your race, your soul itself changes. The changed soul can never go back again."

"I see. It would be too convenient if you could just change back to being human by manipulating the management system.

If that were possible, Saria and the others would have played even more. In that case, Sphere that could create such a system would have been a higher existence than Saria, but it was weakened by Saria and Suzumi's actions and escaped to another world in depression, with her mind going crazy. However, perhaps out of guilt, she left some kind of message in the ruins."

"I see, I see. Oh, by the way, I think you already know this, but you can never escape from the Zombie House or this space again."

"What did you say!"

"Think a little, will you? A mere human with no skills or magic can't possibly escape from here. Think about what you've done so far until you starve to death. Understand how great the sins you've committed are."

With that, I was transferred to Bilbrem.

This is the outskirts of Bilbrem, where there is no one around. At the Zombie House, Suzumi is still shouting magic. I decided to leave her in a section of the Zombie House until she dies of old age. Of course, there is no water or food.

Nevertheless, I set it up so he can survive. Be alone until you die. All your bad emotions will be converted into my power.

I'll keep exploiting you until you die. Well, it's good if the people who became zombies are rewarded even a little bit.

Honestly, I was undecided until the end on how to deal with Suzumi. I could have decisively cut him down there, or gradually made his body disappear. But then, he would die without any reflection. I want to somehow make him reflect on his actions, but with that personality, it's probably impossible for his entire life. I locked him up in that section out of pity.

If he truly reflects, I plan to release him. However, if he doesn't reflect, he will be locked up until he dies. Probably, it will be the latter.

Looking at Suzumi's information, it seems like he was lending his power to the Evil King. He was also the one who broke the first seal. He was planning to give the Evil King enough power to confront the hero. I guess he was planning to watch it from above. He's completely playing around. Well, thanks to him, the exact location where the Evil King is sealed has been found. The rest are the remaining masterminds. I know their names, Sae and Tsutomu. They are currently missing.

They must be somewhere in this world. However, these two have betrayed Saria, so I'm holding off on considering them as either enemy or ally.

More than anything, the most shocking thing is that I can't turn back into a human. I had a hunch that it wouldn't be possible to turn back into a human. Connecting to the management world system and changing races is like changing the game's program. If I could change races so easily, Saria would have played around with it. Also, even if I cleared everything and returned to being human and went back to Earth, I would be doing the same thing as Sphere. Clearing everything means defeating Saria and the masterminds. If that happens, the God who manages it will disappear. If no one manages it, it will inevitably lead to a crack and destruction. I myself have been too involved in

this world. I transformed Lich, Jin, and Rikka into messengers or divine beasts with my own power, and I also gave blessings to some people.

Returning to Earth means abandoning those people. I can't do it. Ugh, I'm at a loss. There's a way to rehabilitate Saria, but she's likely to make the same mistakes again. Is there no other way besides me managing it? Let's think about that too.

Now, should I tell my companions about everything that happened today, or should I keep it to myself?

Chapter 86: Sasha's confession

"Well, let's report everything to everyone. It's no use for me to ponder alone. I have comrades. It wouldn't hurt to consult with everyone. Let's go back to the Gold Arena.

When we returned to the arena, it seemed like lunch break had just started. Oh, Finn and the others were there.

"Oh, Master, the first round just ended, and we're on lunch break now."

"That's how it seems. From the looks of it, nothing has happened."

Shuri, Finn, and Iris don't seem to notice, but Lich, Jin, and Rikka have solemn faces. Did they notice the magic power earlier?

"Sasha-sama, is your body okay?"

"Yeah, Sasha-sama, are you okay?"

"You guys are worrying too much. Although the magic power I felt earlier was strong, it shouldn't be as strong as the main one."

"Lich-sama, I know that, but that kind of huge magic power is unprecedented. It worries me!"

"Oh, that Onee-sama, I can't grasp the situation. Did something happen?"

Should I tell them now?

"Let's move to another place. There are too many people here."

This place should be fine. There are fewer people, and we can quickly rush over if anything happens. Finn and the others seem to have learned that something urgent happened from the previous conversation.

"Now, after leaving the Gold Arena, that guy appeared immediately. One of the masterminds, Ryoichi Suzumi."

"Ehh!!!"

"Hey, Sasha, did you fight alone?"

"Yes, if I fought in Bilbrem, the city would have collapsed. Suzumi's basic ability values were over 10 million, so I moved to the Zombie House. Well, it's more accurate to say that we talked rather than fought."

"Wait, Master, are you saying that you let Suzumi live?"

"Yes, let me explain how I fought Suzumi and why I'm keeping him alive."

I explained that we knew we would fight Suzumi soon, so I set a trap in the Zombie House, that I had analyzed and absorbed all his power and information and saved it in my status, that he had evolved from human to god race, and that I couldn't go back to being human.

"Sasha, you won without fighting against a god who has more than 10 million power. That's amazing."

"Shuri-san, Onee-sama has over 100 million power, so it's only natural. But if we fought here, there would have been many casualties. I understand why we moved to the Zombie House."

"Sasha-sama, don't you think it's better to dispose of Suzumi rather than letting him live? We have obtained the necessary information, so we don't need him anymore."

Does Jin also think the same way? I was also quite conflicted.

"Onee-sama, I don't think Suzumi will repent. It's best to keep him locked up until he dies of old age."

"I also think so. We could easily kill Suzumi with our master's power, but it doesn't sit right with me. Killing him shouldn't be the solution. I think our master's method is correct."

Jin seemed to understand after hearing that.

"I agree with that method. However, is it true that Sasha can never turn back into a human again?"

"Yes, I checked Suzumi's information in the status and found out that his soul has been deified, so it's impossible. There's nothing we can do about it. By the way, the condition for deification is to exceed 10 million in any of the ability values other than luck. When the condition is met, the soul is deified and the race becomes divine, and the body becomes immortal. Once a soul is deified, it becomes a different entity from humans and cannot turn back."

"Master, what about returning to the original world?"

"I can't return in my god state. Besides, I have no intention of returning. I've been thinking about it for a long time, but if we defeat all the masterminds, there will be no god left to manage Spheretaria. If we leave it like that, cracks will appear and this world will eventually disappear."

"But Onee-sama, isn't Spheretaria still here with Sphere-sama?"

At this point, I explained that Saria, Suzumi, Sae, and Tsutomu, who were the masterminds, had weakened Sphere with excessive work, causing her to fall into depression and flee to another world.

"Onee-sama, does that mean Saria has complete control over

Spheretaria?"

"Yes, that's right. Fortunately, Saria herself has no intention of destroying this world. She's just playing with the creatures in this world by using Suzumi and others from above. She's treating all the living beings in this world as toys."

"That's terrible! Onee-sama, I can't forgive Saria for that!"

I understand that feeling.

"The whereabouts of the mastermind Sae and Do are currently unknown. We also don't know the location of the management world where Saria is. For the time being, we have no choice but to continue our journey."

"My lord, is it alright? It is a very joyous thing that you will manage this world, but it is also quite cruel for you to be the only one to survive while everyone else dies. Of course, I, Jin, and Rikka, who have become immortal, will support you, but--"

That's very kind of you. To be honest, it's too lonely to be alone.

"Onee-sama, may I help you after I fulfill my current life?"

"Master, I also want to. I want to help after I finish my current life!"

"If you help, you won't be able to be reborn. Is that okay with you?"

"Yes!!"

It's so nice of you to say that.

"I'll help too. If it weren't for Sasha, I would have already been reincarnated, and I also have a desire to watch over the Gardia Empire."

Thank you, everyone. Ahaha. I'm crying for some reason.

"I've never seen Onee-sama cry before."

"Master, please tell us if you're having a hard time from now on. We're friends, after all."

"That's right, there's no need for Sasha-sama to bear everything alone."

"I can't believe Rikka is saying that. Sasha-sama, please tell us if there's anything wrong."

"Exactly, we are one heart and soul. If it's tough, you can always confide in us."

You guys-- I have good companions, don't I? Pota, pota pota pota

"Ahaha-- sniff-- thank you."

After crying for a while, I felt refreshed both physically and emotionally. I can't go home with Sakuragi-kun and the others, but at least I'll let all my classmates go home. For that, I need to know the coordinates of the management world where Saria is. Let's look for Sae and Tsutomu, who were once the masterminds. They should be somewhere in this world.

"Everyone, first and foremost, we need to know the coordinates of Saria's management world. I think Sphere may have left it behind. Next, let's find Sae and Tsutomu, who were once the masterminds. They may know the whereabouts of the remaining masterminds. And now, let's end the fight against the evil tribe happening here in

Bilbrem."

"Onee-sama, what about the Evil King?"

"For now, let him be. We know his whereabouts completely and can subjugate him anytime. However, we'll do it after we've identified all the masterminds. There may be higher-ranking gods other than Saria."

"Sasha, do you think the Evil King is planning something other than the Garudia Kingdom? Was it mentioned in Ryoichi's information?"

"Unfortunately, it wasn't. What we know for now is just the incident in Redenburg. I think he's probably making some kind of plan in other countries as well."

I can't tell for sure. Since Ryoichi herself can't go outside, we have to figure it out ourselves.

"I see. Let's focus on exterminating the evil tribe in the Garudia Kingdom for now. Alright, let's go for lunch. The second round will start soon."

"Onee-sama, you can't come."

"I have no choice. I'll watch from outside. Now, let's go for lunch."

I'm glad I consulted my companions. If I had kept it to myself, I might have ended up like Sphere.

Thank you, everyone.

Chapter 87: Weapon Division Preliminaries Start

Today is the start of the Weapon Division Preliminaries.

The evil tribe didn't appear during the Summoning Department main competition or the Magic Department schedule.

Therefore, they will definitely appear in the Weapon Division where Shuri and the others participate. Sou will also make a move. These three days are crucial. However, according to what Shuri heard, Sou is a careful person who won't show his tail easily. Even if the evil tribe appears and is defeated, there is a possibility that Sou cannot be judged. It would be better if he make a decisive mistake when the evil tribe appears.

"Sasha, I'm going to the Silver Arena. I'll finish the preliminaries quickly."

"I see, make sure you don't kill anyone and get disqualified."

"I won't do such a stupid thing."

Saying that, he left the Gold Arena.

Shuri will likely pass the preliminaries without any problems. The problem lies with Rikka. This girl seems like she might do something reckless and it's scary.

"Rikka, how's your physical condition?"

"I'm in perfect shape. I'll knock out anyone who comes."

She seems to be in good shape.

"Onee-sama, what happened to the nobles who bothered Rikka? I felt some strange looks when I was with Rikka, but it stopped two days ago."

"I ignored those people."

"My lord, I disposed of those people. They were assassins who live in the underworld. One was top-notch, and the remaining three were second-rate. They fainted just by me using a little magic. Honestly, it was a letdown. I teleported to an empty place and after they woke up, I tortured them to find out who sent them, but only the top-notch one didn't confess until the end. He was a great assassin. The others talked within a minute of starting the torture. They are definitely second-rate. After taking care of them, I politely returned them to the client's head. Oh, I also left a message that said,

'Next time, it's you and your son.'"

Wow, Lich is quite capable.

"Thanks, Lich. You saved me some trouble," I chuckled.

"Onee-sama, are all nobles like those people?"

"Well, I'm not sure myself, as I haven't had much interaction with nobles. Finn, do you know?"

"I know a little. As far as I know, 30% of nobles are just greedy and only think about kicking others down. They also have a strong sense of discrimination."

Do the school nobles and the ones who got involved with Rikka fall into that 30%?

"Well, those stupid nobles don't matter anyway. Rikka, the preliminaries will start in about 10 minutes."

"Sasha-sama, I'm going to the reception desk. Please watch my match."

"I'll knock out everyone!"

Rikka is clearly having fun. I'm excited to see how the match will play out.

When I went to the spectator seat, there were a large number of people, as many as in the Summoning and Magic departments. There are even people in the Weapon department who participate only with martial arts. Oh, it looks like the players are coming out. Ah, because of the interruption of the qualifying matches of the Adventurer's Guild, the Arena Guild, and the Summoning department, most of the players are glaring at Lich. Among them, there is even a stupid nobleman's son. Because Lich is stronger than him, are they planning to attack him all at once?

"Then, I would like to start the Weapon department's qualifying match Battle Royale. Match begins!"

Yes, it was a momentary event. The moment the referee announced the start of the match, all the players except Lich were blown out of the arena. They didn't use any magic. Lich just lightly swung her arms with a small amount of wind magic power, and a strong wind blew, blowing the players away. Lich won, but there was no fun or excitement. The audience didn't even understand what happened. The entire venue was silent.

"Referee, I win because I blew everyone out of the arena."

"Huh, no, that's not-"

"Wait a minute. You used magic, didn't you?"

One of the players complained to Lich. He's an idiot, isn't he? It's better to just accept defeat and move on, or he'll regret it later. Other players also got up and complained.

"Why are you complaining? I just lightly swung my arms with magic power like this. Does this also count as magic?"

Even though Lich demonstrated it slowly, nobody understood. Well, even if you show it to them, normal humans wouldn't understand because they can't easily create a strong wind like that without magic.

"We will have a rematch. Lich, since it's hard to determine if the wind from earlier was magic or a technique, don't use it from now on."

"Oh, it's a technique. Well, that's annoying, but let's fight normally."

Lich doesn't seem to realize that his words are provoking his opponent. Everyone's expression changed. At this rate, during the rematch, the attacks will be focused on Lich.

"Now, please start the rematch."

"Uooooohhhhh!"

As expected, everyone went after Lich. Lich yawned and knocked out each of them with a single blow.

"What the hell are you? The reports in the guild were true after all! Gah!"

"Hey, we don't care about children anymore. Please cooperate to defeat this girl. It's frustrating, but she's too strong."

"Ah, that's the only way. If we lose like this, it would be too pathetic."

"Uooooooooohhh!"

Everyone's movements became more agile than before. It was

considered foolish to challenge Rikka individually, so they decided to cooperate and challenge her together. That way, they could still fight. The surrounding audience also seemed to understand that Rikka was too strong. Gradually, the cheers for Rikka disappeared, and they began to cheer for the other players.

Despite cooperating, one by one, the players fell apart. Some players even abandoned their pride and tried to find a gap by speaking ill of Rikka and making her angry, but they were instead beaten up. Sorry, Rikka. I want to cheer for you too. I mean, they're trying so hard to take revenge on you with such a desperate look. The players were too miserable. In the midst of that, Rikka alone was slaughtering everyone with a smile on her face. The number of players was decreasing rapidly. Players, at least hit Rikka with one blow. Oh, there were even people who cried because they felt powerless.

Everyone was challenging Rikka with various swordsmanship and martial arts, but they were all crushed. For players other than Rikka, they had trained for this moment, so why couldn't they accept defeat easily? Those who did not go out of the ring continued to challenge Rikka even after being knocked down. Rikka continued to slaughter these players with a smile on her face.

"Onee-sama, I want to cheer for the players who keep challenging Rikka."

"Anyone would feel that way when they see that scene. At least, I want them to land one blow."

"Master, isn't that impossible?"

Yeah, I know. I know that, but I can't help but feel that way.

In the end, everyone's weapons were destroyed and they lost their fighting spirit, and not a single person challenged Rikka anymore. Did their spirits break? Well done, everyone. The players were crying as they walked out of the ring.

It had been about 15 minutes since the start of the match. Only Rikka was standing on the stage. Is this really a good way to end?

"Now, this time, it's my win, right? I didn't use any magic, weapons, or magic power."

What a way to say it. Rikka, you made all the audience your enemies. This is bad. Somehow, we have to support not only Rikka but also the players.

"U-ugh, what the hell is this monster-like strength! We're fighting with all our might, but she's yawning and tossing us aside. It's cheating. On top of that, she's not sweating or out of breath. What was all our training for?"

All the players were complaining in the same way.

"Player Rikka, has made it into the main tournament. Honestly, I didn't expect this kind of development."

Since Rikka slaughtered everyone in their natural state, there's no argument the referee can make.

"Sasha-sama~! I did it, I sent everyone flying!"

I waved my hand with a smile. Does Rikka have a problem with her way of sending them flying?

"Master, I feel sorry for the players who trained hard for this day to become strong."

"I feel apologetic towards the players who trained hard to become strong for this day."

"Finn, Iris, what a coincidence. I thought the same thing too."

Let's support the players here.

"Rikka, you did well. And to all the players who challenged Rikka, your cooperation style without being fooled by Rikka's appearance was impressive. Your training was not in vain. As spectators, we were able to see your courage to face powerful enemies even if you have to sacrifice your pride. Be proud of yourselves. It was a good match that will stay in our hearts, even though you lost."

As I finished speaking, I started clapping, and others joined in, and the venue was filled with a loud applause.

"That's right! What this woman said. Don't look down, be proud! Everyone was cool!"

"That's right, that's right! We were able to see the courage of everyone who cooperated and faced the powerful Rikka-chan. Walk with your head up!"

Hearing this cheer, all the players burst into tears with a clear and bright expression, and left the tournament stage.

"Well, I was able to support them somehow."

"O-nee-sama, as expected of you! I was also impressed. Not only Rikka who won, but also your consideration for the losing players is something I can learn from."

"Master, I feel the same way. That follow-up was impressive."

"As expected of our master."

Everyone praised me. Afterwards, other spectators also praised me. It seems that everyone was at a loss for words due to the unexpected turn of events, and my words woke them up. In the midst of all this,

the referee said something.

"Everyone, please don't go home yet. There's one more spot left for the main tournament. Please don't go hooome!"

Oh, I forgot.

After Rikka's game ended, everyone, including the audience, was about to leave. Thanks to the referee's words, everyone, including me, realized that there was still one person left to be determined. A battle royale, excluding Rikka, was decided to be held from 1 pm. It was decided, but since all the players were exhausted, I restored everyone. It's all because of Rikka. They didn't expect everyone to fully recover and were delighted. However, we can't provide weapons, of course.

Well, there is still time, and they can procure them themselves.

We came to the square, which was the meeting place.

"Rikka, good job."

"Yes! I blew everyone away."

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Oh, Jin hit Rikka on the head with a fist.

"Ouch! What are you doing, Jin?"

"What are you doing? Why did you choose such a brutal method?"

"At first, I blew everyone away with just the wind pressure, but no one was satisfied. So I thought, if I fought without using magic, weapons, or body techniques, they would be satisfied. Everyone turned their hostility toward me, so I just responded to that. I made it fun along the way and didn't knock them out or throw them out of the ring. I was excited about what kind of tactics everyone would use to face me.

Ah, it was fun."

"Well, Sasha-sama followed up, so it's okay, but you could have turned all the audience against you."

"It's not that bad, is it? I was supposed to lose to Shuri in the main match. I was planning to beat Shuri up in the early stages and then let her evolve and beat me up in the middle. It was a story like that."

Oh, she had thought of it before she acted. That's certainly a possible story.

"Was it a thought-out action? I'm surprised you've become smarter!"

"Well, if it was a thought-out action, that's fine. But when you take that kind of action, consult with us in advance! Not everyone will move as expected."

"Oh, I see. I thought of it just before the game, so I tried it out. I'll consult with you from now on."

Hey, she just came up with it right before the game. Oh, Shuri's here.

"Shuri, how did it go?"

"It was fine, I made it to the main match. However, there was someone who was considered a candidate for the championship. When I blew that person away with a single blow to the wall outside the ring, all the players came after me. At first, I blew each of them out of the ring one by one, but then I got tired of it and blew them all away with sword pressure."

What you're doing is similar to what Rikka is doing.

"You didn't get any complaints, huh?"

"Yeah, I could have done the same thing by just swinging my arm, but then I would have been suspected of using magic and disqualified. So I slowly drew my sword and let the magic flow through it, and then swung it quickly to show that I blew them away with my sword pressure. That's when everyone was convinced, and I was selected to compete in the main tournament."

Oh, so everyone, including the judges, will recognize that you blew them away with sword pressure. And you're trying to make them believe that they can't win with their own power.

"Wow, Shuri-san, you're amazing. You've exceeded Rikka-san's ideas by one or two levels."

"Rikka is good at coming up with ideas, but she has to think deeply about them."

"Ugh, okay."

Iris and Finn reluctantly agreed, even though they were sulking. Now that both of them have passed the qualifiers, we can breathe a sigh of relief. The main battle against the evil tribe begins in just two days. I wonder what kind of measures the evil tribe will take.

Chapter 88: Weapon Division Main Battle Starts and Evil Tribe Invasion

Shuri's perspective:

Recently, I've been staying overnight at the accommodation facility that Sasha made, and to be honest, the environment is too good. The scent emanating from these tatami mats, the futon, and the bathing facilities all heal my body. I asked Sasha how to make tatami mats, but it would be good if the corresponding plants were in the empire. After defeating Suou, I have to leave here and move to the Emperor's Palace in the imperial capital. If I become emperor, I will refer to Sasha's facility and create a new bathhouse for the citizens. We must provide this healing to the people.

And now, the main event begins today, and the feud with Suou ends here. The problem is when he will make his move.

There will be a declaration from the emperor before the start of the main event. He could attack suddenly or after the final match. As a possibility, the latter is likely as the power of the participants in the main event will have weakened.

"Sasha, I'm worried about when the evil tribe will attack. Do you think it's reasonable to attack during the closing ceremony after the main event?"

"Normally, that's the case. However, in this case, I think they'll attack during the opening ceremony before the main event.

When we were subjugating the evil tribe around Bilbrem, some of them had notes. The notes contained the adventurer rank of the qualifying participants, with the lowest being C and the highest being S. There were about 30 A-ranked participants, and some of them were even S-ranked in martial arts. However, as the evil tribe doesn't have significant fighting power, it was written that they could attack during the opening ceremony without any problems."

They underestimated us. I'll teach them that rank isn't everything.

"So it's during the opening ceremony, where everyone can fight at their full strength. The problem is how they will attack."

"I don't know that. However, I can't see any signs when they move in large numbers. Like how Sphereart covers the area around Bilbrem with the evil tribe, they could attack the arena in one go with the space-time magic 'Spatial Severance.' I can't say anything for sure right now. Even though it was written in the notes, they may not attack during the opening ceremony. Let's brace ourselves."

That's right. Even though I've trained under the lich and my magic detection and sensing have reached level 8, I can't feel any signs. It's a little creepy.

"If they attack us with 'Spatial Severance,' can you sense any signs?"

"If they attack us with that method, we won't be able to detect any signs until the last moment. Since Suzumi is teaching it to one of the S-rank evil tribe members, there's a high chance they'll use 'Spatial Severance' to teleport all at once."

Spatial Severance, huh?

Short-range teleportation You can move anywhere within a radius of 500 meters around yourself.

Long-range teleportation You can instantly move to any city you've been to, no matter how far away, as long as you remember the coordinates of the place you stopped at.

Space severance You can instantly move anywhere regardless of distance. However, since you forcefully sever the space to move to your destination, you must repair it afterwards. If left alone, a rift will form in space, gradually expanding until it eventually causes a massive explosion. Since the evil tribe only needs to kill people, they probably won't bother with repairs. Well, they'll probably come using this magic.

"My lord, if evil tribe appear in the arena using space severance, what should we do?"

"Is that because of my power?"

"Yes, I don't know how the evil tribe will act after that."

"Hmm, how interesting. If the lich's prediction comes true, Shuri, use your sword to do something about it. Then, let's see how the audience reacts after they recover from shock."

"Hahaha, with my current power, it's definitely possible. The evil tribe would make a great spectacle."

Well, if it really happens, the evil tribe will make a good opening act. Although it's unlikely.

"Sasha-sama, if that happens, may I enter the severed space and exterminate the remaining evil tribe? Please maintain the severed surface during that time."

"Sure, I don't mind Jin. However, if it comes to that... "

Jin, I don't think that'll happen.

"Master, for some reason, I feel sorry for the evil tribe. I mean, you'll solve the problem instantly, but they don't have a position in this situation."

"Onee-sama, you always come up with such outrageous ideas. As expected, it probably won't go so smoothly this time either."

"That idea from earlier was half-joking, you know. S-class and A-class won't be killed so easily. If the evil tribe end up doing what I suggested, it just shows how foolish they are."

Well, that's true. The world is not that kind. Anyway, let's move on!

"We've arrived at the Gold Arena, huh?

"Rikka, shall we move to the waiting room?"

"Yeah, Sasha-sama, I'm off to beat Shuri to a pulp."

"Gon!"

"Ouch!"

"Rikka~~ You shouldn't say that in public like that. Do you want to be punished?"

"Eep! Sorry. I'm off now."

Rikka, you can't say that you're going to rig the match in public.

"Shuri, I'm counting on you to look after Rikka."

"Yeah, I got it. We're supposed to be fighters competing against each other here."

I'm afraid that Rikka might say something unnecessary again. I'll keep an eye on her. When we arrived at the waiting room, six fighters all looked at us at once. They must be nervous because they know about our fight in the qualifiers.

"Everyone seems tense. Let's relax a bit. The match is starting soon."

Most of this tension is because of you, you know. You really don't get it.

"Shuri, do you know that girl over there?" The favorite to win in the qualifiers. This man is bald and has a mustache, and seems combative, but he's a good person at heart.

"Yeah, she's a disciple of my master's younger brother. We're fellow disciples. By the way, I've never won a fight against her. You guys know who she is, but don't be fooled by her appearance."

Both of us nodded. They must have experienced Rikka's strength and fear in the qualifiers.

"Really? She's stronger than Shuri?"

"Everyone, this is Rikka. She won't show mercy to anyone, no matter who they are."

Their eyes changed. Everyone seemed to be in a fighting stance.

shrug, shrug

"Players, your preparations are complete. Please gather at the entrance to the arena."

Here we go. We drew lots for our opponents before entering the waiting room. The announcement for the matchups will be made at the end of the opening ceremony. There's a possibility that the evil tribe won't appear at the opening ceremony.

If that happens, we need to conserve our strength. We've discussed the arrangements for the previous fights, but Rikka is unpredictable. Well then, shall we move? The Emperor and Suoh should already be in the VIP seats. The VIP seats are guarded by high-level knights to prevent assassinations, so they will respond immediately if the evil tribe appears.

When we arrived at the entrance for the fighters, each fighter was introduced one by one and went up to the arena.

"Next up is the highly anticipated S-rank newcomer, Rikka-chan, who knocked down all the top-notch fighters in the Gold Arena qualifiers until their spirits were broken."

"Oooooohhhhh!"

"Rikka-chaaaannn!"

"You're so cuteee!"

As Rikka entered, a tremendous cheer erupted. Everyone, regardless of gender or age, cheered for her. Thanks to Sasha's advice, it seemed she wasn't disliked.

"Now, introducing the one who blew away the top contenders in the Silver Arena's preliminaries with a single blow, it's Shuri-senpai!"

Wasn't the introduction for Rikka and me too casual? I entered too and waved to the audience.

"Kyaaaaaahhhhh!"

"Shuri-sama~~~~!"

The cheers from the women for me were amazing.

Now, it's time for the emperor's announcement.

As the emperor and Suou appeared in the VIP seats near the arena, the surroundings became quiet. As expected of the emperor, his overwhelming presence could be felt.

"The tournament is also the final day today. We've had good matches in the summoning and magic divisions. I've also heard about what happened in the weapon division preliminaries. Rikka and Shuri, travel companions who have trained daily in the Gardia Empire and become strong enough to defeat those who are also training hard here, with a single blow.

Everyone must now realize how vast the world is. Fight with all your might so that you won't have any regrets. And show us your victory! You can fight to your heart's content today, as the main event for the weapon division is starting now---!"

At that moment, nobody knew what had happened. Suddenly, hands came out of nowhere and pierced the emperor's chest.

So they were indeed aiming for the opening ceremony. I myself had seen the signs of spatial severance since the emperor's announcement.

Sasha's words had come true. Whether during the opening or closing ceremonies, killing the emperor in front of the audience and the knight order and suddenly having a large number of evil tribe appear was the best way to induce negative emotions such as human sadness, hatred, anxiety, surprise, and despair. I didn't know how Suou would act in this situation, but I would also start taking action!

Chapter 89: The interruption of the evil tribe and the abrupt ending

Shuri's viewpoint:

The emperor's chest is pierced by someone.

"What the...?! Who are you? This arm, is it from the evil tribe--"

"Hahaha, the emperor is dead now. Get out of the way! Thud!"

As soon as I saw the emperor being thrown outside the arena, I immediately switched to the next plan.

"Emperor---!"

I went to the emperor who was lying face down and poured a large amount of liquid that looked like red blood (just diluted red seasoning) on his chest, making it invisible to everyone.

In a low voice, I said, "I made it look like you were pierced by the arm of the evil tribe with spatial magic. Please pretend to be dead for a while."

When the evil tribe kills the emperor, they need to give a strong impact to the people. I expected it to be like this. After being pierced, I used spatial magic to make it look like the evil tribe dropped the emperor with their arm. And now, I poured the red liquid.

To the audience, it looks like he has been pierced in the chest and is bleeding heavily.

Alright, this is good. I saw where only the arm of the VIP seat was growing. Even though it was only an arm, I felt a considerable evil tribe. Is this the boss? But...

"Hey, why are you smiling creepily, Prince Suou? The emperor has been killed. You're not surprised even when you see evil tribe's arm sticking out, do you know that it will turn out like this?"

Rikka suddenly said something outrageous. When I turned to Suou, he had a creepy smile as if saying "as planned." Is he an idiot? That's like saying he did it himself. The audience also noticed.

"What's up with that creepy smile? Can you explain it, Prince Suou?"

Suou was taken aback and quickly returned to his normal expression.

"What smile? I was just surprised, wasn't I?"

"Everyone here is a witness. It's not normal to smile like that when the emperor has been killed. Don't tell me..."

"Hahaha, that's right. That's exactly it. Suou over there has joined forces with us. Never mind the chitchat. Everyone here dies now. Hey, you guys, come out."

Hey, why did the boss reveal it suddenly!

-----Are they insulting not only the players but also the entire Gardia Empire?

Yes, it is undeniable that hundreds of evil creatures have appeared. However, they only showed their faces upside down and stopped there, all of them with a look of shock on their faces. Even the boss-like one-armed evil creature only showed its huge left side and had the same expression. The knights and spectators were also surprised by this.

"What's going on? They only showed their faces and didn't move."

"Are they making fun of us?"

"Don't be ridiculous! Do they think they can win with just their faces?"

"The evil creature next to Prince Suou only showed its left side!"

I never expected things to turn out like this. I had heard about this situation from Sasha and Lich, but the fact that they only showed their faces or left side was completely unexpected. Sasha seemed to realize this and covered half of her face with her right hand. Hey, the situation is even more unexpected than what Sasha and Lich had anticipated.

Is it really okay to use that technique now?

"I will defeat the left side evil creatures, and Shuri will defeat the hundreds of head-only evil creatures in the air."

"Huh? Oh, okay."

At this point, the players who had advanced to the main match also regained their senses.

"Shuri, we'll help you too!"

I exerted a light pressure that could be felt by the audience. Of course, there was no hostility or killing intent, only a sense of reassurance.

"Well, well, we leave everything to you guys."

"It's a shame that we were insulted by the evil creatures. As for Suou, I want to take care of him myself. You'll find out why later."

I received approval from everyone and drew my beloved sword, Absolute Zero. There are even S-class head-only evil creatures among them. I'll give it my all here!

"Absolute Zero [Ice Circular Slash]!"

I created a liquid that would become absolute zero, made it thin and circular with a diameter of about 5 meters, and rotated it at high speed. Then I fired it with all my might. The released Ice Circular Slash continued to decapitate the necks of the Evil tribe one after another, and the Evil tribe whose heads and bodies were severed fell one after another onto the tournament stage and its surroundings with gravity, but there was no problem as there was a magic shield in the audience seats. When all the Evil tribe were severed, I looked at the left half-body Evil tribe and---

"Hey, how long are you going to do that? Why don't you tell us about all the people involved with the Evil tribe?"

Otherwise, that person will get angry. I don't care what happens to the Evil King."

"Yes, yes, I'll talk, so please forgive me."

"Hey, Barbarin! Do you even know what you're saying?"

"Shut up, Suou! Go to Shuri's place."

Rikka grabbed Suou's arm and threw him towards me with all her might. She's too strong!

"Eek! Ugh... thank you." *Kiiiiiiiiin*, **DOKAN**

Oh no, Suou was impaled on the tournament stage from the head. But he's not dead. Alright!

The S-class Evil tribe named Barbarin is a two-legged beast with a

huge body, a huge horn growing from its head, and its whole body covered with hard hair. Rikka threatened him and he started blabbering about everything that had happened so far. Since all the spectators and athletes here are witnessing and hearing it, there is no escape for Suou anymore. Oh, is it over already? Is this a good ending? It's like everything went according to the script. Even though he's an S-class, can it all be resolved with just one word that I've become too strong?

I honestly can't believe this scene. Everyone except for Sasha and her group who are here are bystanders. Around the tournament arena and its surroundings, the bodies of the evil race, whose heads and bodies were cut off, are piled up everywhere. Barbarin, the boss, talks to Rikka about their evil deeds with Suou, who they colluded with, trembling with fear, and finally dies after being cut to pieces with claws. His left half of the body is lying there. This event lasted about 10 minutes until the evil race appeared and was defeated. All the top A-class fighters of the evil race were defeated in an instant. It's hard to understand the situation. Suou, the mastermind, is still stuck in the tournament arena with his head pierced. It's time to question him.

First, here's what Barbarin was up to:

1. Sign a contract with Suou, who has strong monopolistic and domineering desires. The contents of the contract are to start a war throughout the world in exchange for taking care of becoming an emperor (Suou was happy to contract.

Originally, his goal was world domination). Starting with assassinating Keith Prince (me), who is an annoying existence.

2. Kill the emperor in the main weapon department of the martial arts tournament and massacre the residents around.

3. Suou appears among the despairing residents and wins against the

S-rank evil race (fixed). After that, withdraw the evil race at an appropriate place and make the residents think that Suou has withdrawn the evil race and declare himself as the emperor.

4. After becoming the emperor, strengthen the military power and start a war against other countries. Infiltrate the disguised evil race into the army and take the despairing souls to the devil king. By repeating this, they will dominate the world. If the devil king is resurrected in the middle, Suou will be disposed of because he is no longer needed.

Suou is stupid. He is completely being used. It's time to wake him up. I pulled Suou's head and gave him a slap.

"Hey, Suou, wake up soon. How long do you plan on sleeping?"

"Wh-who are you? I am the prince!"

"You finally woke up."

This guy's face is battered, and he has broken several teeth!

"You are guilty of disrespect, you know!"

"You idiot. Look around carefully before you say that."

Damn it, I will laugh if I look at the face in front of me. I can't laugh now. Laughing would be too unnatural in a situation where the emperor is also dead.

"What did you say!"

When Suou looks around, he begins to tremble.

"Wh-what? They're all above A-rank? W-who did it?"

I have to endure this. I must be strong and endure!

"It was me. Besides Boss Barbarin, I did everything. And Barbarin spilled the beans about your misdeeds too. Do you understand that you're being used?"

"I knew that from the start. Who are you, constantly going on and on?"

"Pay attention. I just dyed my hair blonde. Disguise lifted."

After lifting the disguise, the audience finally came to their senses and started talking.

"Prince Keith. Prince Keith saved us."

"Amazing! Keith intimidated the evil tribe and made them stop."

They're interpreting it favorably. Let's just go with that.

"That's ridiculous! My brother died when he was teleported to the ruins!"

"Oh? How did you know that I was teleported to the ruins?"

"Uh, well..."

Something feels off. Suou has been talking too easily since earlier...

"I told you earlier. Barbarin spilled everything. It was revealed that you were behind the assassination of the royal family.

Your punishment will be decided by the emperor. You can get up now."

"Haha, what are you talking about, brother? The emperor was

impaled. He can't be alive--"

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Suou was at a loss for words when the emperor got up as if nothing had happened. The audience seemed surprised too.

"Really, how long are you going to make me pretend to be dead?"

"I apologize. There were a few unexpected events."

"Suou, tell me everything. Your misdeeds!"

"That's ridiculous! The emperor was impaled. How can he be alive?"

What's going on? Am I the only one feeling this strange sensation? It's like I'm watching a bad play. Anyway, let's continue the conversation.

"It's simple. I asked my master, whom I respect as my mentor, to cast the absolute defense magic beforehand."

"Absolute defense! Such a magic can't possibly exist--"

"It exists, and that's why the emperor is alive."

"Suou, it's a shame. The Gardia Empire may say that power is everything, but what you're trying to do isn't power. It's just violence. I don't remember raising a son like that. Suou, there's no denying it anymore. I'll--"

"Hyuso! I have what it takes to become the Emperor. If I kill you two here and now, there won't be any problems, right?"

T/N : What is Hyuso (ひゅそ)? :/

As soon as he said that, he came at me with his sword. It's over now. When I looked at the Emperor, he nodded, so I cut off the head of my own brother, Suou. Damn, I never thought I'd have to kill a family member.

With this, everything is settled.

Yes, everything is settled, but something feels off. It's too easy. It's as if everything was set up to go my way. Come to think of it, Suou isn't that stupid. He's quite cautious. When we were in the Imperial Palace, he never showed his true intentions. Then why did he have such an obvious smile on his face when the Emperor was pierced through the heart? It's the same with Barbarin. He planned everything so carefully, so why would he reveal it all in front of Suou and the audience? He's an S-rank after all, it's obviously suspicious. It's like someone twisted the ending to make it turn out this way.

I can't believe it, but could this be the influence of the Evil God's blessing?

When I looked at Sasha, she put her hands together and made a "sorry" gesture.

Hey, hey, was this unexpected for Sasha too?

Chapter 90: End of the tournament

Returning to Sasha's perspective:

This scene is undoubtedly the result of my blessing. I had heard about Suou's personality from Shuri. He was cautious and quick-witted, and didn't show their tail easily. When I saw Suou's face here, I thought that it would be funny if he smirked when he killed the emperor and everyone witnessed it, or if the evil tribe also appeared with spatial amputation and then felt my presence and their bodies stopped moving, it would be funny if only their faces or left half of their bodies appeared, or if their evil deeds were exposed in public, that would also be funny too. --I never thought it would all come true. As for Suou's end, it was probably Shuri's subconscious thought. Now, among the countless corpses of the subjugated evil tribe, the spectators are cheering loudly. And the Emperor declared loudly that the winner of this tournament is Keith, formerly known as Shuri.

Normally, someone should question this perfect situation, but none of the spectators except us noticed anything.

"Hey Lich, did you predict this development?"

"No, I predicted that the evil tribe would appear and Suou would attack in the moment when they couldn't move because of feeling my presence -- that part was as expected, but I never thought that only the left side of their body would appear or that they would have their head upside down."

By the way, Lich has turned back into a man in his mid-twenties. Jin took advantage of the opportunity and entered the spatial severance to exterminate the remaining evil tribe.

"Hey, is this really--"

"It's because of our master."

"As expected. I thought it would be funny if it turned out like this."

"It's exactly the kind of development that Onee-sama expected. At first, I thought the evil tribe were foolish, but from the moment Rikka started talking to Suou, it was like watching a play."

"Yes, Master. Especially, Suou's personality is completely different from what we heard. He smiled when the Emperor was killed, immediately confessed when questioned, and on top of that, that barbaric S-class evil tribe named Barbarin

declared that they were teaming up with Suou. Moreover, the other spectators except us do not find it strange at all. It's obviously weird. Rikka noticed it, and Shuri also looked this way."

Yeah, it's all my fault. I apologized to Shuri.

"I never expected the impact of exceeding the system limit to manifest here. Speaking of which, I also thought about the noble that Finn fought in the simulated battle. I thought it would be interesting if the noble's parent got furious, attacked Finn and his friends, got defeated and became an example for everyone as a peed noble."

"Wait, was that your doing, Master?"

"I only thought about it."

"So, you mean that what Onee-sama thought became reality?"

"That's what it seems. But it's weird. Even after exceeding the system limit, I've thought about various things before."

"Perhaps it's because the strength of your will is different. Finn was involved with the nobles, while Keith was heavily involved with Suou. Depending on how things played out, there was a possibility that Barbarin could have killed Keith.

There wasn't much difference in power. Regarding the matter of this tournament, because that will was so strong, it twisted people's personalities to make it a reality."

Lich's words made sense.

"Does that mean that Master shouldn't think of weird things from now on?"

"I'm happy that Onee-sama cares about us, but I don't like these bizarre results."

If I had known it would end up like this, I wouldn't have thought of it.

"It was an interesting battle, and the only victim was Suou. It ended up with an ideal outcome, so it's okay, right? From now on, I'll also be careful."

"In Onee-sama's case, I feel like she's going to do something weird again."

"Master, Prince Keith will also say something to us."

"That's true. Even for me, unexpected things happened this time, so I'll apologize to Keith later."

If this event happened because of my will, it must be related to the new skill "Divine Protection of the Evil God" and another new skill. There wasn't such a skill for the Evil God, so let's check my status just to be sure.

Name: Sasha Falling

Age: 16

Race: Goddess

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What, my race changed from the Evil God to a goddess! I can't see my skills, so let's try to imagine them in my head.-----

There was a new skill. Its name is "Predestined Harmony" and it's a unique skill. Its contents are the same as what Lich said. This time, it was the Divine Protection of the Goddess and Predestined Harmony that had a major impact, not the Evil God. Ah~ I really became a goddess. Oh! If that's the case, Keith's divine protection should have changed too. It's embarrassing.

"Master, what's wrong? Your face is red!"

"When I checked my status, I found out that my race changed from the Evil God to a goddess. I also found a new skill related to the cause of this event."

"Wow, a goddess! That's amazing!"

"Onee-sama, you are a goddess! That's amazing. From now on, my object of worship will change from Goddess Sphere-sama to Goddess Sasha-sama."

Oh my goodness! Please stop... It's too embarrassing.

"Master, what kind of ability is the ability of predetermined harmony?"

"It's almost the same as what Lich said. However, this skill doesn't work on the gods."

"Aww, that's too bad. I thought it would solve everything at once."

"Well, it's okay. I'll turn off this skill for a while."

"That's probably for the best. In the future, depending on how you use it, there is a very high possibility of having a negative impact on those around you."

Although predetermined harmony is an option, I don't want to rely on this skill if possible. I wouldn't be happy if I had to twist people's personalities just to make it a reality.

"Is the tournament also over? We are now working on dismantling the evil tribe. There are hundreds of them, so we have contacted the adventurer guild and the fighting guild and are dismantling them with a large group. We are waiting for Keith, who is the contributor of this victory, in the spectator seat. Rikka was also invited, but Keith refused because it would take too long to talk."

"Master, aren't you going to help?"

"They are doing it on a formal request from the guild. If someone who is not involved in the request helps, it may increase efficiency, but the amount of request fees paid to everyone may be reduced. If that happens, everyone will be angry."

"I see."

"Now that the space has been repaired, let's summon Jin."

He had a big smile on his face when Jin was summoned. Oh, he must have been releasing the stress of not being able to participate in the tournament here.

"Jin, you seem to have been running wild."

"Yes. When I left the space, I moved to a distant island. I was immediately attacked by the evil tribe. Of course, I defeated them all. However, when I was exploring the area, I felt a change in my status,

so I checked it and found that the details of my race 'Divine Beast' had changed. It changed from 'Servant of the Evil God' to 'Kind-hearted Divine Beast that can be used by the Goddess.' Congratulations on your promotion to Goddess, Sasha-sama."

In that case, Lich and Rikka must have also changed.

"Thank you. So, were there any humans in the vicinity?"

"The native people were hiding, so I informed them that we had wiped out the evil tribe. They were happy about it, but for some reason, everyone has been treating me like a god, so I had to say something."

【 Goddess Sphere is no longer in this world. I am the messenger of the new goddess, Sasha-sama. Please direct your gratitude towards her. 】

The native people kept chanting, "Thank you, Sasha-sama." They were all such good people. They asked me to give them detailed information about Sasha-sama so they could make a statue of her, and I did. I remember the coordinates, so we can teleport there anytime."

I'm embarrassed that they can go to where my statue is!

But my presence keeps getting bigger. Ryoichi said he had a hard time finding me because my existence was so faint, but if this continues, Saria will eventually find out too. Ryoichi and Saria both belong to the divine race. Perhaps an error occurred because they set the target of the unique skill to the goddess Saria, which only applies to the divine race. That would make sense. It should be fine for now, but Ryoichi is also hunting, and if I become too conspicuous, there's a possibility she'll notice me.

"Jin, thank you for your hard work. We only need to hear from Keith now."

Keith is probably giving a detailed account of everything that has happened so far. Naturally, he's also talking about me. I can just tell everyone at school tomorrow.

"Onee-sama, should we tell Eleanor-sama and the others about Goddess Sphere and the fact that you became a goddess?"

"Yes, we need to tell them. It wouldn't be good if we didn't. We can't tell ordinary people that Goddess Sphere escaped to another world."

"There's no way we can tell them. Ah, I wonder what we should do in the future. Why don't we change from the Sphere religion to the Sasha religion instead? You're alive and a goddess, so there's no problem with being worshiped, right?"

"That might be a good idea! The goddess who's fighting for Spheretalia now is definitely more worthy of worship than the runaway goddess! What do you think, Master?"

"Please, stop it. I won't be able to go outside anymore. Besides, we can't just easily change the most important part of a religion."

"My lord, I think using 'Predestined Harmony' would make it easy."

"I will never use it."

"Whaaat?"

Please spare me. I don't want to be worshipped as Sasha-sama every time I go out. But I'll report it anyway.

Huh? When I looked up unexpectedly, there were wind spirits. Is it because I became a goddess, or did they come to convey something? When I became a evil god, they came to see me once. I remember they spoke to me fearfully. I told all the spirits that since there was a possibility of being sensed by the goddess Saria, I wanted them to fully support the heroes.

"We're weakened, so we can't do it. But I think you can give us power. When the time comes, we'll ask you. Until then, I'll talk to all the spirits. I want to support the heroes once I recover."

They said that. Maybe they knew I would become a goddess from an evil god. Now that I am a goddess, I think I can give the spirits power.

"I'm going to talk to the spirits for a bit, so you guys stay here."

"Huh? You're talking to the spirits? Okay, got it."

I hide my appearance with the stealth skill and fly up to around 500 meters above ground, and the wind spirits flock to me.

"Yay! You became a goddess faster than we thought. Congratulations~!"

Everyone seems happy. Is it okay for this many of them to be here? There's a possibility that the goddess Saria might sense them.

"Don't worry about the goddess Saria. Sasha's 'Existence Concealment' evolved into a powerful ability that works on all gods because Sasha got stronger. She won't notice us."

I see. That's why it was hard for Suzumi to sense Sasha.

"I wonder if I can use my power to cure your weakness?"

"Yeah, you can. That's why we came here! The Spirit King recognizes Sasha-sama as a goddess, so it's not a problem."

The Spirit King, huh? I learned about the first spirit created by the goddess Sphere. I want to meet him someday and ask him about the goddesses and the evil gods. When I asked the spirits before, I didn't know anything, but the Spirit King probably knows something.

"I want you to put as much magic power as possible into this jewel. If I give it to the Spirit King, our power will be restored, and the weakness of all spirits will be cured."

I just need to put magic power into this jewel. I have to be careful not to break it. I concentrate my magic power into my hand and pour it into the jewel. It doesn't seem to be filling up easily. It looks like quite a lot is required. Hmm, it's about time. Yeah, it's full now. Hmm, I feel like I used about 1/5 of my power.

"That's amazing! The new type of jewel we made to counter the powerful Evil King has almost ten times the capacity of the old model and yet it filled up in no time at all. Even Sphere-sama took almost a day to fill up the old model! This is incredible!"

"Is everything all right now?"

"Yeah, thank you, Sasha-sama. With this much massive magical power, all the spirits can become stronger than before!

I'll deliver it to the Spirit King right away."

"Tell the Spirit King that we'll visit him someday."

"Yeah, I'll also convey the message from the Spirit King.

[We, the spirits, welcome you, the new goddess Sasha-sama, as the new master of Sphere-taria. Please defeat the goddesses, including the goddess Saria. However, I myself have never been to the management world where the goddess Saria resides. Sphere-sama should have left the coordinates as a message, so please find it. I know it's a rude request, but we can't handle it alone. Thank you very much.]

Sasha-sama can definitely defeat Saria. Well, see you later~"

What lively spirits. They said it all in no time. Well, with this, the weakening will be lifted, and the power of the Spirit King and the

Great Spirits will also be restored.

When I returned to Finn's place, Keith had just returned.

"Hey, goddess. Thanks to your blessings, we settled things with Suou. Regardless of the process leading up to the settlement, it ended up being an ideal outcome."

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"I wish you wouldn't, goddess. We're sorry for what happened this time. Something unexpected happened on our end too.

Because we heard about Suou's personality, I thought the process leading up to the settlement was clearly strange and investigated it. This time, the skill 'Predestined Harmony' had a significant impact."

After explaining the function of Predestined Harmony to Keith,

"Hey, what kind of skill is that? It makes your thoughts become reality!"

"I thought it would be interesting if Suou and the evil tribe became like this. Then, they actually became that way, even if it meant twisting their personalities. However, I think Suou's outcome reflects Keith's latent thoughts."

"Is it such a frightening skill that it can make someone's personality twisted to take that action? I thought it was strange.

Regardless of Ricca's statement, I thought Suou and Barbarin were foolish, but it turns out the skill was influencing them.

We still have some loose ends to tie up in the royal capital, but we've achieved our goal for the time being. Thank you, Sasha. The emperor is also looking forward to seeing you at school tomorrow. Oh, should I call you Goddess Sasha-sama?"

"Please, just call me by my name. We'll accompany you to the capital.

There should be a message from the Sphere in a ruin there."

"Understood, I'll also inform the emperor. From now on, we'll be working together with him, so we'll be staying in a separate villa. Well then, see you tomorrow at school."

After parting with Keith, we left the Gold Arena. Outside, it was said that Keith, alone, had taken care of the intrusion of the evil tribe and Suou's betrayal.

"Hmm, I defeated Boss Barbarin myself. I'm not happy about this."

"Well, well, Rikka was amazing too. For the audience, Keith's Ice Circle Cut had more impact."

"That's right, Rikka-san. Actually, it's more convenient for us that way."

Watching the exchange between Rikka, Finn, and Iris, I recalled everything that had happened since we arrived in the Gardia Empire. There were many things that had happened, such as the Zombie House, Ryoichi Suzumi, and my transformation into a goddess and my new skill, "Predestined Harmony". As for Suzumi, I occasionally keep an eye on him, but his personality hasn't changed at all, so I'll leave him alone. As for Predestined Harmony, I think I'll keep it off for a while.

I'm curious about how it's affecting Burn-san and Will-san. Let's contact them once.

Chapter 91: Three different surprises

The perspective is from Eleanor -> Burn -> Roy.

POV Eleanor :

"Sasha, what did you just say?"

Did my ears go bad? Well, I'm in my 70s, but I'm still going strong. Let's summarize Sasha's regular reports.

1. Three of the masterminds are summoners from another world 500 years ago, and all three received power from Saria and changed their race to gods.

2. Sphere-sama became ill due to the masterminds' harassment and fled from this world. The time she fled was just after Sasha and the others were summoned.

3. Due to Sphere-sama's escape, all spirits were weakened for a while, but Sasha herself became a new goddess and solved the problem.

Yes, this is correct.

"Hahaha, it's not hard to believe. Sphere became depressed, fled from this world, and is now living in another world. As for me, I defeated one of the masterminds, Ryoichi Suzumi, and evolved from an evil god to a goddess? Iris was also

worried that if there was no goddess to worship, the Sphere religion was deceiving the people. It's ridiculous to suggest changing it from the Sphere religion to the Sasha religion. Well, I think it's a joke -- probably. As for the spirits, I'm sorry for hiding it. It was a very important matter, so I wanted to see how things went. Don't worry, it's been resolved."

Ah, it was really true. As for the spirits, we won't pursue it since it's been resolved. But what's going on! I can't tell the residents that Sphere fled from this world.

"That's all true, isn't it?"

"Yes, it's the truth. Currently, Saria controls this world. We don't know about Saria's relationship with Sphere yet. What we do know is that Ryoichi Suzumi, Sae, and Tsutomu are the three masterminds. Sae and Tsutomu are likely living somewhere in this world since they had a falling out with Saria. I suspect the Elf kingdom. All three of them have become gods and have gained immortality. By the way, so have I."

"What is going on? The fact that someone involved in summoning from another world is involved! We have no choice but to leave this matter to Sasha. The opponent is a god, picking a fight with the gods, so we can't handle it."

"Sasha, what are your future actions?"

"First, we'll go to the imperial capital of Gardia and explore the ruins inside. Since this ruin is not a dungeon, I think we can hear the message from the sphere immediately. The next destination is Redenburg. The situation is more serious than we thought. So we'll go on a pinpoint exploration of the ruins and listen to the message. I think they'll probably tell us the coordinates to go to the management world."

The situation is getting more and more serious. It's all because we relied on summoning from another world. There's no other way to save ourselves except to rely on Sasha again. Sasha should know that. All we can do is to relieve some of Sasha's mental burden.

"Sasha, you're not alone. If you have any trouble, rely on me or our friends. We can't do anything about the fight with the gods, but there's something we can do. Okay, don't carry too much weight on your own."

"Yes, Finn and Iris told me the same thing. It seems that I had a tendency to carry too much weight on my own. I'll rely on you if something goes wrong. Oh, and please don't call me goddess Sasha or anything like that."

After finishing the communication with Sasha, I sighed. The world of Spheretaria is in a critical situation. The fate of this world is no longer in the hands of the hero, but in the hands of Sasha.

"Sasha, you can't carry too much weight on your own."

Burn's point of view:

Since meeting Sasha, my status has been acting strange. Even now, I'm looking at my basic abilities, and it's not a dream.

Before I met her, I was around 14,000, but now it's an average of 65,000. It's definitely strange. I was surprised at the speed of Haruto's growth, but my growth speed is abnormal. And the blessing of the evil god Sasha that matched my title has turned into the blessing of the goddess Sasha. That girl, she did something in Gardia Empire.

Bamm

"Whoa! Riffia, what's up?"

"What's up? My basic ability value has become an average of 62,000 when I checked my status after a long time. What about you, Burn?"

"You too, huh? I'm at 65,000. And check out my title."

"Title? Oh! You have the protection of the goddess Sasha."

"When I checked a little while ago, it was supposed to be a evil god. She definitely did something in the Gardia Empire."

"This value is definitely abnormal. Normally, no matter how hard you

try, you can only reach 20,000 at most."

At this rate, Will and Roy are probably experiencing the same thing.

"Oh, there's a communication from Sasha. I'll definitely question her."

We were stunned when we heard the report from Sasha. Hey hey, things are worse than we imagined. We've solved the problem with the spirits, so that's good. But now we've discovered that all three of them are summoners from another world. And they've been promoted to god status, with a basic ability value of over 10 million. There's no way we, Riffia, Haruto, can defeat them.

"Hey Sasha, we can't possibly defeat these godly beings with our power. Can we leave it to you?"

"Yes, please leave it to me. I've become stronger too, and I've surpassed the system's upper limit of 100 million."

Wait, what did she just say!

"Wait a minute, Sasha. Did you just say you've surpassed 100 million?"

"Yes, I've surpassed 100 million. Due to my evolution into a goddess and exceeding the system's upper limit, there have been various errors. Are you okay over there?"

A hundred million is an unimaginably large number. And she said "surpassed."

"I'm not okay! My title has the protection of the goddess Sasha, and my basic ability value has only reached around 62,000!"

"I'm at 65,000."

"--I'm sorry, did the protection come after all? I also met the Gardia Empire's Prince Keith, and he ended up with protection too, so his basic ability value is around 40,000. It was unexpected that he would receive protection. I'm sorry."

Don't say it so casually. Well, I'm happy to have become stronger.

"Sasha, don't say it so easily. My current strength is easily surpassing Zest-san, the adventurer guild master in the Elven Kingdom. If this is known, the royal family will be keeping an eye on me."

"I'm sorry. I think your values will continue to increase the more you fight against enemies of the same level in the future."

"Hey hey, this is already a basic ability value that can instantly kill an S-rank evil lord. Well, it'll be useful in the fight against the evil king."

"Please continue to protect the heroes for us."

Part of the mastermind, Sae and Tsutomu, may be in the Elven Kingdom. As they are both immortal, the possibility of them being in a human country is certainly low. Wait a minute, then those two are suspicious.

"Sasha, we have arrived in the Elven Kingdom and are currently heading towards the capital. We should arrive in a few days. We are scheduled to meet with the kings soon, but the number of people we should meet with has increased after hearing Sasha's story."

After hearing my story, Riffia's face turned pale.

"Just wait a minute. Burn, you don't mean you're going to meet with the High Elves, right?"

"That's right. The Elven Kingdom was founded 1000 years ago. It was founded by the High Elves who were higher than the Elves, and only two High Elves who are currently alive have been seen by the royal family. To put it frankly, it's too suspicious."

"Stop it. You hardly ever meet the High Elves, even if you're a royal. It's impossible."

"It's okay, we have a hero and a saint with us. We just need to make up a plausible reason to meet them. If the High Elves are summoners from another world, there's a possibility that they will show some reaction, and Haruto and Mika might notice it too."

"That's a good idea. Please do that. And please mention me too."

Did Riffia collapse? Did she not want to meet them that badly? The communication with Sasha has ended, but I can't tell her this.

"Riffia, how long are you going to keep doing this? It's not a big deal, is it? There's nothing to feel guilty about."

"Well, I'm getting depressed. Burn's right that it's likely that the High Elves that Sasha mentioned are Sae and Tsutomu, but there's also a possibility that they're not. It's like deceiving them to meet them. I'll just have to brace myself."

"However, the situation is quite serious. There's nothing we can do anymore, neither us nor Haruto. What on earth are Haruto and the others traveling for? Even if they acquire the Holy Sword and the power of the 4th generation spirit or more, it would be possible to deal with the Evil King, but it's meaningless against the gods. Riffia, can you talk to the spirits? What are they saying?"

"They won't get involved until Saria is gone. Apparently, they were told to support the heroes in full until they defeat Saria, saying, 'Until you defeat Saria, there's a possibility that Saria might detect you, so you should support the heroes in full.' Even the 4th generation spirits of fire, water, earth, and wind, who cooperated with us last time, are expected to help us this time."

"So they're all moving behind the scenes. Haruto and the others don't know anything about it. Well, it's better for them to move without knowing it."

"Of course. If they were to know the behind-the-scenes circumstances, they would lose sight of why we're even on this journey and just feel miserable."

"I see. Well, if we acquire more power, it will come in handy during the War against the Evil King."

POV Will

Am I dreaming? What are these numbers?

"Roy, give me a smack on the cheek--"

SMACK

"Ow! You hit me so quickly! At least let me finish what I was saying."

"Will, face reality. These numbers are real."

Yes, we're heading towards the evil country of Remnant, but the evil tribe there are strong. At the very least, they're all ranked C-class, and some of them, normally, would be ranked A-class while walking on flat land. The evil tribe who attacked Spherete are clearly hostile towards humans, but not all the evil tribe in the evil tribe country want to kill humans. Due to the long-term sealing of the Evil King, there are also evil tribe who have escaped from his control. There are many of these kinds of evil tribe living in the evil tribe country, and as long as we don't harm them, they won't attack us. Many of the evil tribe in the evil tribe country have made master-servant contracts with humans. We believe that our battles against the evil tribe will only get fiercer from now on, so as part of our training before entering the evil tribe country, we challenged an A-class dungeon. We trained there for

about four days, and now we're resting in a city we've just entered in the evil tribe country.

Once we've settled down, we start thinking about the evil tribe we've encountered on the way here. We felt that they had become weaker recently. Even though we've leveled up, we were able to defeat B-ranked evil tribe without using our magic in less than a minute. Roy, Mia, and Himika shared the same opinion. So I checked my status for the first time in a while, and my face contorted. My basic ability value had increased to an average of 52,000. Roy had 51,000, Mia had 46,000, and Himika had 48,000.

"Roy, look at my title. It's unbelievable."

"Huh, title? ...Hey, what is this title?! Will, Mia, look at this!"

When Roy checked his title after being called by it, he exclaimed, "Hah! It's the protection of the Goddess Sasha!" Then, Mia questioned in disbelief, "Ehhhh, did Sasha become a goddess after being a evil god?!"

That must be the reason for the abnormal stat values.

"Sasha was a evil god. When I met her and cooperated with her, I received the protection of the evil god. After that, Sasha became a goddess, so it changed to the protection of the goddess. If that's the case, I understand this abnormality in the values."

"Will, even so, it's still 40,000, 40,000. It easily exceeds the limit of a human."

"Mia, Sasha herself was an abnormal existence, beautiful and perfect. Her protection was added to us. It's not strange for us to become abnormal too."

"That's right. Sasha herself was beautiful and perfect. Will said that beautiful things have poison. Maybe that poison led to our status abnormality."

"That's it. Well, if we can become stronger, it's good. - Oh, Mia, Himika, why are you crackling like that?"

Huh? Did we do something wrong?

"Y-Yes, what are the two of you trying to do now?"

"W-We became stronger, so we have to confirm that, right~"

"A-B-B-B-B-V-V-V-V-V!!!"

Why is that?!

As we were being punished, communication from Sasha came. What timing!

"Hello, everyone. It's been a while. I have some progress to report on myself and the mastermind."

It's definitely about her being a goddess.

We were shocked to hear Sasha's report. Are the summoners from another world the mastermind? Moreover, they teamed up with Saria and were promoted to the divine/god race. There is no doubt that only Sasha can subdue them. That bastard can just sit back and watch as Sasha captures them and punishes them until they die in the vast zombie house. It's a good feeling. The problem is Sae and Tsutomu.

"Sasha, we'll try to investigate the two in the Demon(Evil Tribe) Kingdom too. We'll try to ask them about it indirectly since we can't mention their names."

"I'm sorry, please do your best. I have already informed Burn-san and Riffia-san. By the way, did anything change in your status?"

There was a significant change. Himika answered.

"Sasha, our basic stats are over 40,000."

"Ahh, it's definitely because of me. Burn-san and Riffia-san have also become incredible. My protection is attached to you, right?"

"Yeah, but we became stronger, so it's okay. Thank you."

"That's right, Sasha doesn't need to worry about it."

"That's right, we can fight the Evil King even if he's revived now."

"That's right. Rather, I'm grateful that we were able to become stronger. As for the subjugation of the Divine Clan, I'll leave it to Sasha, but we'll investigate the coordinates of the management world and the search for the mastermind."

"Yes, please take care of it. The Evil King will probably make some move in the Elf Country or the Demon Country, so please be careful."

"Ah, we'll leave the Elf Country to Burn-san, Riffia-san, and the Hero Party, and we'll take care of the Demon Country!"

The communication with Sasha ended. Nevertheless, even though Burn-san and the rest of us have significantly leveled up at this point, we won't stand a chance against the God Race no matter how hard we try. I'm counting on Sasha.

By the way, Sasha's voice was clear and beautiful. Well, with a hint of killing intent.

"Hey, Will, Sasha's voice is also beautiful, isn't it~"

Geez, can Mia read minds?

"You idiot, it was written all over your face."

"Roy also let it slip through his voice. Not just the voice, I want to see the real thing soon."

"Himika, I'm not as stupid as Will. I had thoughts, but I never spoke them out loud."

Roy is also quite similar in some ways. And so, the punishment resumed.

"Abibibibibababawa!!!"

Chapter 92: Goddess Sasha's blessing and a celebration

Burn-san and Will-san's regular reports have ended. As expected, everyone seems to have received the protection of the goddess. Sakuragi and his group have been training with Burn-san and Riffia-san, and their growth rate seems to be quite fast, but Burn-san and his group's growth rate is also fast, so they will never catch up. Sakuragi's current strength seems to be comparable to an S-class evil tribe. He really grows fast. However, he's only about 1/5 of Burn-san's current strength. If many S-classes appear in the elf country, Sakuragi's group won't be able to handle it. Burn-san will solve it quickly, but then Sakuragi, who is a hero, will lose his position even more.

Hmm, this can't be helped. Let's give Sakuragi and Mika the protection. Among our classmates, those two are important.

We can't let them die. I really want to give it to all our classmates, but it's clear that it will become Sasha = Akane Shimizu, so Saria is likely to notice. Sorry, everyone. Okay, first, let's turn on the harmony and think strongly about the hero and the saint. --- This should probably be fine. Burn-san, I leave it to you. Oh, let's also give Finn and Iris protection.

There's no problem with the protection of the goddess. --- Okay, turn off the harmony.

"Master, have you finished the regular report and your thoughts for the future?"

"Yes, there's a possibility that the two high elves in the elf country might be Sae and Tsutomu. Burn-san and the others will confirm it."

"Phew, high elves, huh? If we do it wrong, there's a possibility of going to prison."

"Have Finn and Iris met the high elves before?"

"No, they haven't! I heard that even the elf royalty can't meet them unless there's something special."

Hehehe, something special, huh?

"Onee-sama, you have a suspicious smile on your face. I haven't met the high elves either."

"That makes it even more suspicious. Now that something special is happening, Burn-san and the others will make up something appropriate and ask for an audience with the high elves."

"Ehh, make up---?"

"Of course, we won't tell all lies --- probably."

Riffia-san will handle it well.

"Ah, poor Riffia-san."

"Onee-sama, I wonder how Riffia-san is doing now. She must be pulling her hair out. If she makes a mistake, there's even a possibility she'll be executed."

"Well, we can only believe in her."

"Master, you're talking about it as if it doesn't concern you."

"There's nothing we can do about it. I could go there directly on Rikka or Jin, but it would probably just complicate things more."

"I see."

"Oh, Finn, Iris, could you check the title column in your status?"

"The title column? Sure. ----! Phew, ah, ah, I have the protection of the goddess Sasha!"

"Ah~! I have it too!"

"Alright, the experiment was a success! Now, even the hero and the saint should have my protection."

"Experiment?!"

"I turned on 'Predestined Harmony' a while ago and focused on you and the heroes. Giving protection as an evil god is not good, but it's okay as a goddess, right? It was also practice for how to give protection. Thank you both for helping with the experiment."

"Master, at least get our consent before doing experiments on us."

"That's right. We were surprised when the protection suddenly appeared!"

"Hahaha, sorry about that. I think the experience points from when you met me will be added to your blessings by tomorrow, so make sure to check your basic abilities too. Honestly, I don't know how much your stats will increase because of me."

"Eh?!"

I really don't know, sorry. However, you two haven't been with me for very long, so your stats shouldn't have increased that much. Burn and the others are just over 60,000, so maybe around 100,000 or so. As for Sakuragi-kun and Mika, their experience points won't be added. But I'm sure that their stats will increase significantly in battles to come as they become stronger. Both of you, do your best."

For now, those with protection should not die.

"Now, since the tournament has safely ended today, I will make a lot of Chinese food. I want to feed the Emperor tomorrow, so I need to prepare."

The moment she said that, everyone's eyes changed.

"Sasha-sama! Is there a new dish?"

"Rikka, of course there is. It's called xiaolongbao. The moment you bite into it, the juice inside spills out, creating a combination of hotness and deliciousness."

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"However, there are some points to be careful about when eating this."

"Points to be careful about? What are they, Sasha-sama?"

"This dish is very tender and easy to tear. If it tears on the plate, the taste will be halved. Be sure not to tear it! If you can do that, you'll be able to enjoy the delicious taste. Also, there's a proper way to eat it, but I prefer to eat the soup-filled Xiao Long Bao vigorously."

"So today, we can eat the Xiao Long Bao that our master praises. We can't lose."

"If Onee-sama praises it that much, it must be a really good taste. Everyone's an enemy."

The atmosphere changed. I always think it's really exaggerated.



Now, the dish is complete. I made 100 Xiao Long Bao, but I feel like it's not enough. Let's make 50 for today.

"Master, this dish called Xiao Long Bao looks small in size. It can be eaten in one bite."

"Then, I'll give you one to try. Those who want to eat it can-----"

"Yes!!!"

As expected, everyone.

"Then, let's decide with rock-paper-scissors like I taught you before. It doesn't matter how strong you are."

Actually, there are some tactics involved, but who will notice first?

"Heh, rock-paper-scissors, huh? Okay, I got it. Everyone, I'll throw rock first."

"Huh?"

Oh, Jin noticed.

"Uh, Jin-san, what are you doing all of a sudden?"

“Well, then I’ll-----”

“Sasha-sama, isn't Jin breaking the rules?”

“No, it's not a violation. Physical strength doesn't matter in rock-paper-scissors, but the strength of tactics becomes important. Now, Jin said she'll throw rock. What will you do?”

“Hehehe, Jin, I won't fall for it.”

“Then, let's go! Rock-paper-scissors!”

As a result of rock-paper-scissors, Jin won. Finn, Iris, and Rika honestly threw paper, while Lich threw rock. Jin threw scissors.

“Ah, Jin, that's not fair. You said 'rock' earlier, didn't you?”

“Eh, Jin-san is unfair.”

“Master, is this okay?”

“I told you, didn't I? Negotiation is important. Just because Jin didn't choose 'rock' doesn't mean he couldn't. Lich understood that, but lost in his prediction.”

“Hmm, I never thought I'd lose. Rock-paper-scissors is deep.”

“Now, Jin, try the soup dumplings. Gently grab one and dip it in the sauce.”

“Understood. ...Well then, I'll eat it with gusto.”

So, how is the taste?

"Whoa, it's hot... pant pant ... This is... delicious! I understand what Sasha-sama was saying. You shouldn't break the skin.

It's a different kind of deliciousness than gyoza. I understand the meaning of eating it with gusto now."

"Alright, Jin, that's enough. Sasha-sama, let's eat quickly."

"Hehe, yes. But before that, let me teach you the proper way to eat soup dumplings. This is only in my world, though.

You put the soup dumpling you dipped in sauce on this spoon, then break the skin a little and slowly drink the soup.

Finally, eat the dumpling itself. Whether you follow this method or eat like Jin is up to you."

"Yes!"

And so, the farewell party began.

I've met a lot of things since coming to the Gardia Empire. From meeting Ariel, the Marco Ruins, the Zombie House, and the fighting tournament, it was a big turning point for me too. I met the mastermind, Ryoichi Suzumi, and learned about the gods. Thanks to that, I've decided to stay here in Spheretaria. Sakuragi-kun and Mika and the others will be angry, but I have no choice but to persuade them. After my work in the Gardia Empire is done, the next stop is Redenburg, Finn's hometown. I don't know the current situation there, but I will definitely save them.

Now, tomorrow is the audience with the Emperor. I might learn something about Redenburg too. Let's move forward more and more.

Suddenly, when I looked at the soup dumplings, they were all gone. Huh! I've only eaten three. Everyone is eating so fast.

Looking at Finn and the others, it had become a full-blown war to eat all the Chinese food except the soup dumplings. Uh oh, I'm also participating this time, so I have to eat faster.

"Hehe, it's nice to have this kind of enjoyable meal once in a while."

Chapter 93: Audience with the Emperor – 1

"Today, we have an audience with the Emperor. The members going to the academy are Finn, Iris, and Riffia. We gave Lich and the others a day off.

"Master, are we serving Chinese cuisine to the Emperor as well?"

"Onee-sama, are we serving xiao long bao too?"

Hey, hey, is Chinese cuisine more important than the Emperor?

"Yes, I'll serve all the Chinese dishes I've made so far. If the Emperor likes it, I intend to teach the Garudia Empire Chinese culinary techniques. Keith likes it too, so it should be okay."

"Master, I want you to spread all the dishes you've made in Redenburg."

"All of them! Hmm, that's not interesting. It's more appealing to have unique dishes from that country. I haven't made things like hamburgers, curry rice, or ramen yet, so I'll teach new dishes in Redenburg."

"Yay, I'm looking forward to it!"

When we arrived at the academy, the knights stood out, perhaps because the Emperor was also there. Oh, there's Keith. It seems like he's in training. All the knights are attacking him with swords and magic, but Keith is easily avoiding them.

The female academy students cheer every time he does.

"Ah, Master, I checked my status today and my average basic ability value is 150,000. It's much higher than Prince Keith's, but why is that?"

"Onee-sama, mine is 130,000."

"It's probably because my divine beast's blessing and saint's title combined with my blessing for an exponential increase.

Also, when I met you, your levels were too low, which is a contributing factor."

"I see."

"By the way, both of you are much stronger than Burn-san and Riffia-san now."

"Huh?"

"My values have been distorted ever since I met you, Master. It's abnormal to increase by nearly eight times in one go! I no longer have a normal sense of values."

"I feel the same way as Finn-nee."

"Finn, Iris, now that you have met me, you should abandon your normal values and way of thinking. Because of exceeding the limit of the system, I myself cannot fully grasp how much the values will increase when the blessing is attached. However, thanks to both of you, I have a rough idea."

"That's complicated."

If you have the power, even if an S-class appears, it shouldn't be a problem, but the masterminds are probably considering such a situation and thinking of something. The average basic ability value of an S-class is over 10,000, but no one has exceeded 30,000 so far. On the other hand, the gods have over 10 million, and the difference is too great. Considering this, I think that even an S-class would be dangerous if more than 30,000 people appeared as human forces. I also think that there are masterminds who support the evil side like

Ryoichi as if it were a game. Considering that the evil forces have suffered a great defeat so far, they must be considering ways to enhance their power.

Just because you've been given protection doesn't mean you should let your guard down.

It seems that Keith noticed us and interrupted his training.

"Hey, you're early!"

"I brought Chinese food for lunch. There's also some for the school principal and the emperor, so let's eat together. There's a new dish too."

"Hmm, sounds interesting. Let's eat that new dish right away."

"Keith, we had it yesterday. The new dish, Xiaolongbao, is excellent."

"I prefer Xiaolongbao to dumplings. It seems that Onee-sama also prefers them."

"Hmm, if Sasha says it's such a good dish. Let's go to the school principal's office right away."

We arrived at the school principal's office, and Keith went in first, telling us to come in after five minutes. Why?

Then, as instructed, we entered the school principal's office, and all three of them, the emperor, Keith, and the school principal, bowed deeply.

"Welcome, Goddess Sasha."

What? What is this, a new form of harassment?

"Um, could you please lift your heads for now?"

"I am Drake Gardia, Emperor of the Gardia Empire, and I have heard everything from Keith. Thank you for protecting our Gardia Empire."

"Thank you, Goddess Sasha, for teaching our teachers and students how to wrap themselves in magic."

Ah, so this is what's happening.

"Um, could you please treat me normally? It's really difficult to deal with this."

"Hahaha, no, it helps when you say that. Keith, I understand the feelings of the ministers a little more now. This is quite troublesome."

"Right? The ministers are always concerned about the emperor every day, so it's tough."

"Keith, Emperor, don't test me."

"Hahaha, sorry, sorry. When it comes to someone who needs to be concerned about the emperor, only Sasha comes to mind."

Well, when it comes to being more than the emperor, I'm the only one around.

"I asked for a lecture without knowing that you are a goddess. I'm sorry."

"School principal, please lift your head. I was originally planning to teach, so there's no problem."

"It's good that the emperor is an easy person to talk to. For now, I will introduce myself again and take a seat."

"Your Majesty, it's been a while. I'm Finn Redenburg."

"Your Majesty, I'm Iris Falling. I apologize for introducing myself while still under a disguise due to certain circumstances."

"Princess Finn, Iris, both of you have grown since we last met. Your faces look completely different from before. It seems like you've been trained by Sasha."

"Ugh, training with our master was tough. I worked hard to avoid that punishment."

"That punishment from Onee-sama is torture. I worked hard to avoid it."

"I'm very curious about that punishment."

"That punishment is exaggerated. It's not just about pressing our two fists together and rubbing them like Komakami.

Shall we try it with Keith?"

"Please stop. I've heard from Rikka. She said that even she feels like everything has been taken away from her with one blow. And she couldn't move for a while due to muscle spasms. I think it goes beyond just punishment."

They said that much.

"Well, anyway, aside from the punishment, it's good to see that Finn and Iris are doing well."

They changed the subject quickly.

"Now, would you like to have lunch first? I made some Chinese cuisine."

"Oh! I've heard about it from Keith. It's supposed to be so delicious that everyone fights over it."

"Hmm, Chinese cuisine. I've never heard of it before. I'd love to try it."

"It's a bit cramped here, so let's move to my private room."

"I've also heard about it from Keith. He said it's a room that Sasha made exclusively for herself, and the atmosphere of the room and bath is calming. Let's move right away."

So Keith also told the emperor about the private room. At this rate, we might even take a bath. Shall we move there right away?

"What, this place is like a different world."

"Emperor, this is called tatami. The smell is indescribable."

Since I making it based on Japanese standards, it must be fresh for the king and the school principal.

"Sasha, can you show us the bath?"

"Of course, please follow me."

When they peeked into the bath, both of them were taken aback.

"Wow, what a spacious place! I feel like jumping right in."

"Emperor, it's okay as long as you after having a lunch."

"What, is that true? Let's have lunch right away then!"

Hmm, this emperor is an interesting person.

When all the Chinese dishes were placed on the table, the unique smell filled the room. Keith, Finn, and Iris were fidgety, perhaps because they wanted to eat quickly.

"Wow, these are all Chinese dishes. I've never seen such dishes before."

"First, let's have the emperor and the principal taste them lightly. It may cause another war if everyone starts eating together."

"War? Isn't that a bit too much?"

"The emperor is right. I don't think there will be a war over food."

Anyway, I explained the dishes briefly and taught two ways to eat xiaolongbao, the new dish. Keith, the emperor, and the principal tasted it lightly as the new dish, but all three chose the hearty way of eating it because they thought it was interesting. Of course, it was hot, so all three had to blow on their mouths. The emperor praised the hearty way of eating it, saying that it was more interesting. However, I told them to choose the correct way of eating it at big parties like celebrations or state banquets. Then, I had the emperor and the principal taste the dumplings and the green pepper shredded pork. Like Keith, their eyes changed as they tasted them. Oh, it's going to be war. Even though the opponents are the emperor and the principal, Finn and Iris won't mind.

"Heh, hehe, hahaha, this is the first time I've tasted something like this! What a delicious taste! I don't want anyone else to have it. I feel like I want to taste everything."

"I agree. Since it's going to be a full-scale war, shall we all fight over it regardless of our positions?"

“That's a good idea. Keith, Finn, and Iris, don't worry about me. It'll be less interesting.”

“We never planned to hold back from the beginning.”

“Well then, let's eat.”

As usual, the war began.

As always, I'm amazed. Everyone is overindulging except for me. I hope there's no poison in my cooking.

"Emperor, how did you like the taste of Chinese cuisine?"

“Sasha, could you ask the chefs at the imperial palace in Gardia to teach us this dish?”

“Sure, I don't mind. Since we haven't taught it in the Kingdom of Thermia either, we can spread it here in the Gardia Empire.”

“What! Ugh!”

The emperor tried to get up but couldn't.

"Do you not teach this in the Kingdom of Thermia? This is the cuisine that originated from our Gardia Empire. This is good."

"If we teach the palace chefs, I think the taste will be improved and refined even more."

"Good, good, and all the ingredients are available within the Gardia Empire. A food revolution will happen."

The food revolution might be a bit exaggerated, but it would be nice if it spread.

"S-Sasha-sama, could you also teach the chefs at my school?"

"Sure. Although, we can only teach dishes that can be made in the cafeteria."

"Hehe, we did it!"

Hmm, we've only talked about food, and we haven't made any progress on the Sphere-related topic. Well, the tournament just ended, and it's good for the emperor to relax once in a while. Let's have them take a bath and then move on to the Sphere-related topic.

Chapter 94: Audience with the Emperor – 2

Currently, the emperor and the school principal are resting in the room with a blissful expression. They took a break after lunch and then took a bath. The bath I made was a simple alkaline hot spring with a high concentration of minerals that makes it feel slimy. It seems they liked it.

"Shuri, I heard about the hot spring from Sasha."

"Of course. Hot springs are said to be underground water that sleeps deep underground and is heated by geothermal heat.

The 'Detection' magic can be used for hot springs. If you strongly imagine this hot spring and cast magic, you should be able to find its excavation location. Currently, we are devising a way to search for locations and how to excavate them."

"Yeah, this hot spring is a wonderful thing that gives peace of mind to the citizens. We must definitely find it."

Hmm, the hot spring is more popular than expected.

"Prince Keith, can you explore the area around Billbrem?"

"School principal, don't worry. We are prioritizing the capital and Billbrem."

Let's leave the hot spring exploration to Keith. I can't help much with that. Well, now that they have rested, shall we return to the school principal's room?

"Have you already returned? That was a strange space. Princess Finn and Iris are staying in that room. I'm honestly envious."

"Your majesty, I feel the same way."

Now, let's talk about the main topic.

"Emperor, the break is over. What about Suou?"

"Suou? He's a completely foolish son. He made a mistake of misunderstanding power as control and allied himself with evil forces to plot the assassination of me and Keith. Regarding Suou, once we returns to the capital, I will expose and execute everyone who was directly involved with him. The members of his clan will be stripped of their noble status and fall to commoners. Once things calm down, I will formally announce this, including the matter of the Billbrem tournament."

"If that's the case, it's possible that they have already sensed it, so should we transfer some people to the capital as soon as possible? I can lend you my subordinate, Lich."

"That would be helpful. Currently, we don't have a complete grasp of the number of people involved."

I feel sorry for Lich, but let's have him come here.

"Summon Lich."

When I summon Lich and explain the situation:

"I see, understood. Keith, since you are involved up until this point, you'll have to stick with me till the end."

"Thank you, Lich. In that case, let's bring the three knights in the knight order who have been investigating Suou's infiltration for a while now. They should have a rough idea. Your Majesty, we're leaving now. It's better to act fast."

"Very well, Keith, Lich-dono, I'm counting on you."

"As you heard, Lich. Could you handle the clean-up in the Gardean Empire for a while? While you're at it, why don't you train the knight order along with Keith? They're weaker than Keith. If they don't improve, they won't be of any use even if a large number of evil races appear in the capital."

"Even the elite knight order is considered weak by Lich-dono. I can't argue since they couldn't even move in the tournament. I'll leave Keith and the knight order to you."

"Okay, I got it. Leave it to me. Well then, Your Highness, let's get moving immediately."

Saying that, the two of them teleported away. They really move quickly.

"Your Majesty, the current evil race army is much stronger than any that appeared in history. Actually, about 200 evil races appeared in the tournament, and all of them except the boss Barbarin were A-ranked. Although A-ranked evil races were rare in Sphereart, they were all C-ranked or above. With our current strength, we can't stand a chance. That's how much the power of the evil king has increased. As long as we don't have a complete grasp of the whole picture of the masterminds, we can't defeat the evil king. Also, once the evil king is defeated, he will be incorporated into the exclusive resurrection system. I need to go to the management world and eliminate the resurrection system of the evil king. If possible, after I have eliminated

the system, I would like you to cooperate with the heroes and defeat the evil king."

"Hmm? Won't Sasha help?"

"In that case, I probably can't help. Because I don't know how much power I will consume in eliminating the system.

However, there are currently eleven people who have received my protection. Please cooperate with them."

"I see, understood! Sasha just needs to think about the gods and the system. Leave the lower world to us!"

"Thank you. By the way, did you tell the Elven King in Sylphiel about my situation?"

"Oh, I already sent a message this morning. Elves, like the Sphere religion, worship the goddess Sphere, so it's not surprising. I was amazed to see the usually stoic king show such a big expression. He probably told the High Elf who is the leader of their clan."

So, Burn-san and the others should be able to meet with the High Elves more easily now. I'm curious about the movements of the two High Elves. If they were Sae and Tsutomu, the masterminds, they would surely have detailed information and should be able to deduce my true identity, but I can't predict their actions from there. Even if they're not the masterminds, I can't predict their movements. I'm curious about how the situation will unfold when Burn-san and the others visit.

Well, there's no point in thinking about the elves anymore. In any case, the Gardia Empire should be safe now. Next, let's talk about Ruedenberg.

"Your Majesty, what's happening in Ruedenberg and Altheim now?"

Oh, Finn already asked first. It's natural to be curious about what's

happening to your own hometown and your fiancée's hometown.

"Ruedenberg and Altheim, huh..."

Huh, what? Why the silence?

"Uh! Your Majesty, did something happen?"

"No, I don't know about Altheim, but Ruedenberg is peaceful. Nothing has happened."

"That's good. I'm relieved."

Strange. There was a large army of evil tribes in Sphereart, an attack on the Bilbrem tournament, and the major cities of two countries were targeted, so why is it peaceful? There must be evil tribe in the country without a doubt because of the Sophia Alenshar case.

"Sasha also noticed. Yes, it's too peaceful. Since Princess Finn went missing, Ruedenberg conducted a hearing on Sophia Alenshar. Of course, Sophia herself is also a victim. The hearing was conducted carefully so as not to burden Sophia. And they succeeded in discovering and defeating the evil tribe's hideout. The magic tools the thieves had were also developed by the evil tribe. It was probably developed experimentally to disguise themselves as humans or beastmen. I think the magic tool was further improved and used in the Bilbrem invasion this time. Thanks to Keith and Sasha dealing with the evil tribe before they attacked, the outside of the tournament was also peaceful. Oh, I'm getting off-topic. Since the defeat of the evil tribe related to Sophia Alenshar, nothing has happened in Ruedenberg. Everyone is looking forward to the return of Princess Finn now."

"Do you have any information on Altheim?"

"That's the problem. I sent a few people to investigate Altheim two months ago, but they haven't been heard from since."

It's safe to assume they were killed. Something is definitely happening there."

So they're scheming something in Alteheim. Their defeat in Sphereart and Bilbrem, and the information should have reached the evil tribe in Alteheim. I wonder how they will act. I have the skill of predestination, but it's too dangerous.

Even in Bilbrem, I felt a sense of discomfort like a mass theater. Fortunately, it turned out well, but there is a high possibility that my way of thinking could have a negative impact on those around me. Let's consider predestination as a last resort.

"Master, are you going to Redenburg after the investigation of the ruins in the royal capital?"

"Yes, that's right. Depending on the contents of Sphere's message, we may change our plans, but it's likely that we will go to Redenburg unless something significant happens."

"I'm concerned about Alteheim, but first, I'll reassure my father, mother, and everyone in my family."

"I'll also inform about Princess Finn. I'll tell her what happened to Goddess Sphere and that Sasha has become the new Goddess of Spheretaria."

"Do you think it's necessary to tell her?"

"I've already told the King of Sylphiel, so it's important to tell the King and Queen of Redenburg as well. Besides, Redenburg and Alteheim, like Sylphiel and Thermia, greatly worship Goddess Sphere. They may not be saints, but they are in a position to hear the oracle of Goddess Sphere as priestesses. The fact that the oracle has been cut off means that the kings are aware that something has happened to Goddess Sphere. I'll explain everything in advance. When we arrive at the

palace, you'll probably be treated with the highest hospitality as rescuers of Princess Finn. Sasha should also strongly realize that she has become the Goddess of this world. Normally, the way I'm talking right now is disrespectful."

Should we not tell Alteheim? Well, it's a reasonable decision.----
Realize that you are a goddess.

"Yes, that's right. I don't really feel it yet since it only happened yesterday, but I'll take over after we defeat Saria. I'll make sure to strongly realize that I'm a goddess. But when I'm talking with acquaintances like this, you can speak to me the way you are now."

"Hahaha, okay, got it."

I think we've pretty much finished talking now. Oh, right, the message from Sphere in the ruins of the royal capital.

"We found a Sphere's message in the ruins located in the royal capital, so we'll head to the capital. Shall we teleport there?"

"What, that would be helpful. How many people can be teleported?"

"In my case, any number is fine. Should we also bring the Knights with us?"

"That would be helpful. We can save the trouble of calling the wyverns."

Since we're at it, we should teleport everyone.

"When are we departing for the capital?"

"We have Suou's collaborators here in Bilbrem too, and we are currently interrogating them. It will probably be in two days."

“Understood. During that time, let's teach the academy's cooks how to make Chinese cuisine.”

“Really, Sasha-sama? Thank you so much!”

“Well, it can't be helped.”

"Principal, is tomorrow okay, even if it's sudden?"

“Of course! It's a holiday tomorrow, so there won't be many students. It's just perfect! By the way, Sasha-sama, let's go to the cafeteria after this is over. I need you to check the facilities.”

Why is the principal so excited? Is it because of the hot springs effect? The Chinese cuisine effect?

The principal is overjoyed and energetically moving, his skin glowing as if he regained his vitality. He must really like the Chinese cuisine. We arrived at the cafeteria, but the students and cooks were arguing about something.

"What's going on with you guys?"

“Oh, principal, the students missed lunch and asked if we could make something for them. Tomorrow is a holiday, and we hardly have any ingredients left.”

Hmm, looking at the students, they seem to be very hungry. We can't make Chinese cuisine without any ingredients, so we have to make do with what we have.

"I'm sorry, my name is Sasha. Can you tell me what ingredients are left?"

“Oh, sure, but there's only about ---- left.”

There are too few ingredients left. Perhaps new ingredients will arrive tomorrow because of the holiday. Hmm, I wonder if I can make that. Will they be happy with it? Well, it's better than nothing!

"I can make omelet rice with these ingredients."

"Omelet rice? What's that?"

"Let's make it. It can be done quickly."

We sauté the necessary ingredients, add rice, season it with ketchup, and wrap it gently with eggs. Oh, I made five servings.

"Here you go, it's done. You guys haven't had lunch yet, right? Eat this."

The three students were trembling for some reason.

"Thank you so much, Sasha-sama! We never thought we could eat homemade food!!!"

Why are even the students addressing Sasha-sama? They're around the same age as me, right?

"Delicious!"

"Well, since they're complimenting it, I won't worry about it."

"What should we do with the last two dishes? Would the chefs like to try them?"

"Yes, please. ...Delicious!"

They're eating it all up so quickly. I do think the omelet rice is tasty, but not enough to wolf it down like that.

Huh? Finn, Iris, and the school principal are all staring at me.

"We'll leave the rest to the chefs. Here's the recipe."

"Onee-sama, won't you cook it for us?"

"Master, I want to try it."

"No! You just had Chinese food earlier. Or do you want to gain weight?"

"Eek!"

What about the school principal? They're discussing with the chefs after finishing their meal. The chefs are finishing their meal so quickly! They're probably talking about tomorrow. Their faces are getting brighter and brighter.

The next day, I taught the chefs all the Chinese dishes I had made so far. The chefs, who had been listening to me seriously, held a Chinese food tasting session for dinner as practice. For some reason, the three students from yesterday were also there. And as expected, mealtime became a battle.

Chapter 95: Ruins within the Imperial Capital

Today is the day we depart for the imperial capital. I had forgotten one important thing. I have never been to the imperial capital of the Gardia Empire. I urgently called back Lich and had him teleport me to the entrance of the capital where I memorized the coordinates. I'm glad I realized it in time.

There won't be too many things to do in the capital. The most important thing is the excavation of the ruins. According to the Emperor, there are no underground sections in the ruins, and only traces of ancient buildings remain. Apparently, there is only a lone statue of a goddess there. It's quite lonely. I wish the message for the next sphere and the coordinates for the management world could be

given there. Most of the information from the Marco ruins was already known. I at least want them to tell me the real names of the masterminds.

When I arrived at the meeting place with the Emperor, everyone was already there.

"Emperor, are you ready?"

"Before we teleport, could you demonstrate your power to the knights? We know about Rikka's power, but we want everyone to understand the power of her master, Sasha."

Come to think of it, I haven't been directly involved this time. It's only natural that the knights are suspicious.

"Okay, let's at least intimidate them a little. 'Intimidation.'"

"H-h-how is this supposed to be a little?"

"The rumors that you are stronger than Rikka-dono... "

When the intimidation was lifted, all the knights collapsed. Hmm, Lich was right. They need to be retrained.

"To be honest, if we let Rikka attack them a little bit, everyone would be convinced right away, but Rikka herself would hate it."

"Sasha-sama, I don't want to be punished for something I didn't do! That's not fair. Please ask Finn to do it instead. During the party, she secretly put some dumplings in her item box."

"Feee, why did you reveal that, Rikka? You did the same thing!"

I thought the food was disappearing faster than usual. So they were doing something like that. They're both equally guilty.

I smiled at the two arguing and said

"You'll both be punished together."

"Kyaaaaaa!"

Thud, twitch, twitch

Meanwhile, Iris, who was watching the scene, whispered to herself, "I'm glad I didn't get involved. It was the right decision."

Yeah, Iris is smart.

The knights who witnessed this scene had all turned pale at once.

"Rikka-chan was defeated without any means to fight back!"

"Glad we didn't challenge her to a duel."

"His Majesty the Emperor should take a look at it. We mustn't anger Sasha-sama."

"Y-Yes!"

While the knights seemed to be convinced, something didn't feel quite right.

"How about it, Your Majesty?"

"That's enough."

"Everyone in the knight order, my subordinate Lich is currently accompanying Prince Keith. Lich is also Keith's mentor, so please train under Lich from now on. The battles against the evil tribe will only

get more intense from now on. At that time, I, Lich, and Rikka might not be able to make it to the scene. You yourselves, led by Prince Keith, must become stronger and protect the Gardia Empire."

"Uwoooooo!"

It seems they were convinced.

"Shall we teleport now?"

"Yes, leave it to me."

"Teleport."

They arrived at the Gardia Empire's capital. When they saw the emperor, everyone was stunned.

"I can't believe we arrived in an instant like this. This is teleportation. Sasha, teach us how to acquire it."

Keith is about to learn long-distance teleportation, so it's okay to teach him.

"To acquire teleportation, space magic is essential. Normally, if you raise your space magic level to 10, you will acquire higher-level time-space magic. However, if you have a space magic level of 5 or higher, you can acquire time-space magic with training. First, master short-distance teleportation, then move on to long-distance teleportation. Prince Keith has already acquired short-distance teleportation and is close to acquiring long-distance teleportation. You can ask Prince Keith and Lich for more details."

"Keith can use short-distance teleportation! That's good news. There should be some magic users with spatial attributes among the mages. I'll ask Lich-dono to teach them teleportation."

"Probably, with short and long-distance teleportation, it will be easier

to excavate the hot springs, right?"

"Hmm, I see! I heard that the hot springs are deep underground. Sasha, I thank you!"

Well, that's it for sending off the emperor.

"Your Majesty, we will head to the ruins as is. When is a good time to teach Chinese cuisine?"

"I would like to say right now, but that's impossible. Hmm, how about coming to the castle at 9:00 am in three days? It should be settled by then."

Three days later, that's no problem.

"If that's the case, then it's all good. I'll come back to visit at 9am three days from now,"

and with that, the conversation with him was over. The emperor and the knights headed towards the entrance, surprising the guards with their early return. Suou's collaborators would surely be surprised as well. With the power of the emperor, Keith, and Lich, everything could be settled in three days.

As we entered, the ruins were bustling like the capital of the Thermia Kingdom.

"Sensei, is it okay for only the palace chefs to teach Chinese cuisine?"

"Yes, it's enough for now. We also have the issue with Billbrem's school cafeteria, so they'll spread it quickly."

"Onee-sama, aren't we going to stop by the adventurer's guild?"

"I don't have any particular business there, so let's just head to the ruins."

When we arrived at the ruins, nobody was there. This is supposed to be a tourist spot, right? Well, it's convenient for us.

"Is nobody here?"

"Sasha-sama, there's a statue of the goddess over there," Jin said.

Looking at the place Jin pointed to, I saw a statue of the goddess, but it was in disrepair.

"Ugh, what is this? It hasn't been taken care of at all."

"Onee-sama, in the Gardia Empire, the goddess Sphere isn't worshipped like in Sphereart. I asked the emperor about it before, and he said, 'You can only rely on yourself. It's strange to trust a goddess who only looks down on you.'"

"That's exactly right. I also used to not believe in the existence of gods."

"But now, Onee-sama is a goddess herself."

"Huh, that's true. I never thought I would become a god myself."

"Sensei, you'll be worshipped in all countries. In the Thermia Kingdom and Gardia Empire, you will definitely be worshipped in the near future."

That makes me feel uneasy.

"Iris, please touch the statue of the goddess."

When Iris touched the statue, it shone and the voice of Sphere could be heard.

[---Thank you for coming this far, Iris.--- I know that my strength is slowly fading away.---To minimize the consumption of my strength, I will only convey a message. After sealing the evil god, I was unable to go to the lower world due to maintaining and managing the seal. Therefore, to prepare for the impending crisis, I taught people the ritual to summon heroes from other worlds. Of course, since they summon without permission from other worlds, I also taught them the rituals for sending them back and returning them. And we have succeeded in defeating the evil king many times.

Originally, the evil king and the evil tribe were born because the evil god rewrote part of the system. I also tried to rewrite the system again, but the interference was unexpectedly powerful, and it was not easy to make progress. That's when one of the masterminds who was in charge of managing the lower world said to me one day.

"It is impossible to defeat the evil tribe that has spread throughout the world so far. We should recognize the evil tribe as one species and leave them alone. And when people are in crisis and summon heroes from other worlds, we should also summon them from other worlds when the evil tribe is in crisis."

At first, I thought, what is this guy saying? Because of the evil king and the evil tribe, human development has completely stopped. The population is decreasing little by little too. At that time, I asked him, what do you plan to summon? And he answered like this.

"We will summon the evil tribe. If you think of something that is contrary to humans and gods, there is only demons, right?"

This is an absolutely unacceptable act. Demons do exist in other worlds. If we summon such things, Sphereart will be destroyed. I

absolutely did not allow it. This person did not understand the danger of demons at all. However, now, Saria and the others have driven me out and taken over the management world. Probably, the masterminds are teaching the evil king how to summon demons. Iris, I'm sorry, but if they have been summoned, please destroy the demons with the heroes."

The message has ended. It sounded a little weaker than the previous two times. Perhaps she is reaching her physical limit while escaping from the masterminds who are trying to kill Sphereart and leaving a message.

"Onee-sama, there's no way that the Evil King and demons can be defeated by just me and the Hero-sama! The sword we found at the first message location isn't even a Holy Sword. Is she completely pushing her job onto me and the Hero?"

"Well, at that time, she was suffering from depression. We should be grateful that she had the will to leave a message."

"But, Master, are demons really that strong?"

"Well, in my world, words related to demons come up often. For example, Belial, Beelzebub, and Amon. They only exist as words, though. I'm curious about the demons from other worlds. However, the strength of the summoned demon depends on how the creator perceives demons."

"Onee-sama, what do you mean?"

"The mastermind behind the plan knows about demons, so they are definitely a summoner from another world. However, if the summoner is from my world, where demons don't exist, how do they summon them?"

"Ah, that makes sense."

"If the summoner is from another world, they may be able to summon

existing demons. A strong image is necessary to summon them. The strength of the summoned demon varies depending on how the summoner perceives demons. Also, the evil race may have pride and choose not to summon them."

"Well, then there's nothing we can do."

That's why we need to create that sword as soon as possible. The worst-case scenario is if a high-level demon is summoned. Even though they exist there, they are in a higher dimension, so our attacks won't work. However, the sword I'm creating has the function to turn all designated targets into nothingness. It doesn't matter where they are. It's a very dangerous sword, but it has tremendous power. It will also be useful in preventing invaders (limited to those with evil intentions) from another world other than Spheretalia. But it will take some time to complete.

We need to think of magic specifically for fighting demons.

Chapter 96: Anti-demon magic development

Magic used to counter demons is typically holy magic, but I don't really understand the concept of demons. Do they actually exist as individuals, or are they just a manifestation of some sort of power? In any case, the magic that can handle any summoned demon would be "void magic."

"Iris, do you know anything about void magic?"

"No, I didn't even know such magic existed."

"Master, I don't know either."

Hmm, maybe humans and beastmen don't know about it.

"Jin, what about you?"

"No, I don't know either. Such dark magic has not been passed down to the evil race."

So even Rikka doesn't know. But void magic actually exists. The evil god and the goddess Sphere should have known about it. They probably judged that there was considerable danger in using void magic. If mishandled, Spheretalia itself would disappear, so they probably didn't tell the people of the lower world. Well, I acquired it on my own.

However, when I first acquired it, there was a column for void magic, but there was no detailed explanation of what types of magic were available. In the case of other magic, they had been created and stored as data by the people of the lower world. However, since no one had developed void magic, there was naturally no data. I can use void magic myself, but I haven't decided on a clear name. To make things like swords, bullets, and lasers usable by the people of the lower world

with void magic, you have to think about the name of the magic and the amount of magic power that it consumes in detail.

"Everyone, we will go to the Imperial Palace where the Emperor lives in three days. I will create void magic that can be used to counter demons by then. After I make it, everyone under my protection will be able to use it. I can use it freely myself, but like other magic, we need to make a detailed description of the magic name, magic power consumption, and effect range in order for the other people with my protection and Rikka to use it. While I'm creating it, all of you should enhance your basic skill of magic manipulation to the limit. The skill level has a maximum of 10, but there is more beyond that. It's just that it's not displayed in the status. Void magic requires high-level magic manipulation. As a reference, the minimum required level is probably 20. According to my estimation, Lich is at 24, Jin and Rikka are at 21, and Finn and Iris are at 10."

"Feee, there are over 10 of them! And the minimum required level is 20!"

"By the way, Onee-sama, how much magic power can you manipulate?"

"Hmm, me? Probably around 50."

"5, 50 or more?! That's an incredible number!"

"In my case, my skills don't show up, so I kept training until I reached my limit. Then before I knew it, I had exceeded level 10. From my point of view, everyone in the lower realm relies too much on status information. When Skill Level 10

becomes the max, they neglect training in their basic skills. Well, Finn and Iris have just reached level 10, so if they keep training, they will improve."

"Feee, there's still a long way to go."

"But it's interesting. If you train other magic, even if it's only 10 in

status, you can become even stronger, right?"

"That's right. Jin, Rikka, Finn, and Iris, for the next three days, you will train your basic skills."

"Understood!!!"

With their next actions decided, Finn and the others began their training around the ruins.

Since I had transformed from a evil god to a goddess, I re-examined my skills. The Level 10 status effect resistance that I had as a evil god had changed to "Status Effect Immunity," and the Level 10 attack magic resistance had become "Attack Magic Immunity." Isn't this strange? Even at Level 10 resistance, there should be some effect. As a god, shouldn't it be normal to have complete immunity? If Sphere and the evil god are almost equal in strength, then Sphere probably also has a resistance of 10. Something doesn't feel right. Even if I try to organize my thoughts, the only newly acquired skill is

"Predestined Harmony."

Organizing Sphere's message information so far, it's all about Saria and the masterminds. There's nothing about Sphere or the evil god themselves. Well, there was the oral tradition from Riffia-san's elves. But where did Sphere and the evil god come from in the first place? Something can't come from nothing. Sphere and the evil god must have been born from someone or created by someone. If that's the case, there should be higher-level gods. It's essential to find out the true identity of the masterminds, but we also need to know the true identity of Sphere and the evil god. Consulting the Spirit King would be the quickest way, but the location I heard from the spirits is quite far from here.

For now, let's ask Eleanor-sama

"Eleanor-sama, can you hear me now?"

"I can hear you. Did something happen, Sasha?"

I told her about the devil summoning and the countermeasure of the void magic.

"I'm sorry that we, the summoners from another world, have caused you so much trouble."

"I've consulted with the Thermia Kingdom's king, and we plan to hold a world conference to ban summoning from another world once we've dealt with the Evil King and Saria's affair. Not everyone is at fault, but there are some people with strange ideas who have caused this situation by sneaking in."

"Banning it is the right thing to do. Once the void magic is completed, I'll give void attribute to everyone under my protection. I also plan to give it to Ariel. By the way, there is another reason why I contacted you today. Do you have any information or know any relics related to Sphere and the Evil God?"

"I'm afraid I don't know that. The oldest relic is supposed to be in Redenburg. If you ask the king of Redenburg, he should be able to tell you the location of the relic. I'll let him know as well. However, I don't know if that relic is what you're looking for, Sasha."

"Thank you so much. That's a great help."

My purpose for going to Redenburg has increased by one.

1. Deliver Finn to the palace. Whether Finn's journey ends there or not is up to her.

2. Visit two relics with Sphere's message.

3. Visit the location considered to be the oldest relic and explore the relationship between Sphere and the Evil God.

First, let's go to the capital and introduce Finn to the king and queen.

Alright, let's make void magic. We should make three types for short range, medium range, and long range. Short-range can be used by everyone immediately, but controlling medium-range and long-range from a distance will be very difficult.

Also, if we don't specify the target properly, everything will become the target of the void. We need to make sure that everything except the target can pass through. Well then, let's try making it and see how much it consumes.

Oh, that's right. Let's teach Finn and the others how to practice void magic.

○○○ Finn's point of view

Void Magic is a magic that can only be used by our master, but she has made it possible for us to use it against evil demons as well. However, to do so, we need to have a mana manipulation level of at least 20. I don't know how much we can improve in these three days, but we'll do our best.

"Are Rikka and Jin-san training too?"

"Of course, we are. I already have a level that meets the requirements, but it's only the minimum. I want to raise it to at least 30."

"Of course. We don't want to be a burden to Sasha-sama."

"Finn-nee, it's fine to train, but how should we do it?"

Yes, that's the problem! It's good to practice with our weak magic, but it still feels inefficient.

"Everyone seems to be having trouble figuring out how to improve their skill level."

"Master, is there a good method?"

"Yes, there is. For starters, I have given all of you void attributes. First, practice with this."

There are eight black spheres floating around the master. What are those?

"They are void spheres made with void magic. Your mission is:

1. Maintain one void sphere for 10 minutes.
2. Maintain two void spheres for 10 minutes.
3. Juggle two void spheres for 5 minutes.
4. Maintain four void spheres for 10 minutes.
5. Juggle four void spheres for 5 minutes.

Those are the five tasks. Since Jin and Rikka will quickly figure out how to maintain them, they can move on to juggling practice early on. Finn and Iris should try to maintain only one void sphere for 10 minutes with their existence. Once you get used to it, you should try to use two."

Void spheres? Isn't that very dangerous?

"Master, are those void spheres safe? If they break, will we disappear?"

"Don't worry. This is the first void magic I created. Even if it breaks, I've made sure that it only makes the air around it disappear. There's no harm done. I've practiced with it myself. Like this."

She juggles the eight void spheres with ease. It looks very easy, but it must be really difficult.

"By the way, all four of you should already know how to use void magic. Please check your status."

When I checked my status, I found that I had Void Magic and Void Sphere (Harmless). Huh? Is it an optical illusion? The mana consumption of Void Sphere (Harmless) has become 1000. No way! Why does such a small sphere require 1000

mana?

"Onee-sama! The mana consumption has become 1000!"

"Of course! The effect is that I nullify it, so there's no problem, but it's magic that should be thrown at the enemy.

Naturally, the part that hits directly disappears. It takes 1000 just to create a void with a diameter of about 10cm. From now on, the Void Magic I create will probably consume more than 10,000 at a time, right?"

More than 10,000! It's that powerful!

"Master, the first thing to do is to get used to this Void Sphere right?"

"That's right. If it breaks, make it yourself. Oh, and be careful not to break too many. If you break it five times, I'll judge you as unmotivated and have a light punishment game prepared for the fifth Void Sphere."

Punishment, punishment game! Master's punishments are always so scary. I have to take it seriously!

"Oh, Onee-sama, what kind of punishment game is it?"

"It's a secret. It won't be fun if I tell you. Finn, Rikka, even if you look at the status explanations, it's useless. It only says punishment game. Even if I can't manipulate the system of the management world, it seems that I can freely write about the magic I developed yourself."

"That's, that's crazy..."

The punishment game is scary, but there's no choice but to do it.

First, let's look at the explanation of Void Sphere.

Void Sphere (Harmless) Mana Consumption 1000 Required Minimum Level Mana Operation 10 This magic was devised for practicing Void Magic, and even just maintaining it at Skill Level 10 is quite difficult. Let's take our time and not rush.

The key to maintenance is to perceive the void in the Void Sphere as one form and imagine it rotating.

Required minimum level: Mana operation 10! This is the highest level of the status, but let's try it anyway.

"Void Sphere."

A sphere with a diameter of 10cm appeared in the palm of my hand. I have to maintain this, right?

Rattle rattle

Huh, it's shaking. Oh, I have to concentrate the Void attribute mana in the palm of my hand. Phew, the shaking has subsided, but now the shape of the sphere is becoming distorted! What should I do?

Bam

Ah, it broke. This is more difficult than I thought. It said to imagine it rotating, right? Let's try it again.

"Finn-nee, this is difficult."

"Yeah, I broke it too quickly."

Looking at Jin-san and Rikka, they haven't broken theirs yet. Ugh, I don't want to lose.

"Iris, let's do our best too. We don't want to be a burden to our master."

"Yes!"

It's harder than I thought, but it's rewarding to do it. I will definitely master it!"

Chapter 97: Departure to Redenburg

Finn and the others have been training for about an hour, and Jin and Rikka are already approaching the end of maintaining two harmless Void Spheres. Since their level is over 20, they seem to be able to move on to juggling practice soon. Finn and Iris have already broken four harmless Void Spheres up to this point. They are currently in the middle of the fifth one. They seem to have gotten used to it a bit, as they can maintain it for about two minutes now. I'm looking forward to seeing their reaction when they break it and receive their punishment.

(Pan)

"Ah!... Muaaaaaa! This smell, it's... masterrrrrrr!"

(thud, thud)

Oh, she fainted. Huh? Ammonia has a pungent smell, but it shouldn't be enough to make her faint. When I look at Iris, her face is pale because she saw Finn's condition.

(Pan)

"Ah!...Fugyaaaaaa! Onee-sama, what is this strong smell?"

Did the smell overwhelm her? She's rolling on the ground. She covered her nose with her hand and desperately asked me for an explanation.

"It's ammonia with a light pungent smell. It shouldn't be that strong."

"In your world, it might not be a strong smell, but for us, it's too strong. Especially for Finn-nee, who is a beastman."

Ah! I didn't consider the difference in sense of smell between humans

and beastmen. I think it was supposed to be about five times more sensitive. That means Jin and Rikka will suffer if they break it, too. When I look at the two of them, they are looking pale after seeing Finn and Iris. Moreover, both of them have already produced four harmless Void Spheres.

"Jin, Rikka, try not to break them. It seems that the ammonia we used for the punishment had a stronger effect than expected. If you break them, you'll end up like Finn."

"Ah! That's not good. I've already produced one... what should we do? We've already produced four!"

Oh no, he's panicking, and he might break it.

(Pan) (Pan, pan, pan)

"! Th-this is, gyaaaahhh-Zaajaa-samaaaa!"

throb throb throb

He rolled on the ground, fainted from the intense stench. Jin, who saw that scene, said,

"This is bad!"

Oh, he might have erased it himself. If he erases it, it won't count.

"Jin, Jin, I'm meltingggg~"

Huh, it's becoming an unusual scene. This isn't supposed to be a punishment.

"I'm sorry. I forgot about the difference in sense of smell between humans and beastmen."

"Onee-sama, please don't be so cruel."

When Finn and Rikka regained consciousness from fainting, they were understandably angry.

"Master, that scent is already an arch-nemesis level for me and Rikka. We demand no punishment game." sniff sniff

"That's right, that's right, a normal beastman couldn't endure something like that! No punishment game, no punishment game!"
Punpun

But Rikka is not a beastman, she's a divine beast.

"Alright, I understand. Let's skip the punishment game. I didn't expect it to be that intense. As an apology, I'll give everyone a new dish as a present."

"Yayyyyyy!"

"Sasha-sama, what kind of dish is it?"

"It's a simple dish that even Rikka can make. It's called 'Curry Rice'. Since it's lunchtime now, I'll make it for everyone."

Well, let's make it easy enough for even Rikka to do. The most troublesome part of making curry was the curry roux.

There are no ready-made products like in Japan, so when I had time, I searched for the best spices for curry roux. At times like this, concealment and short-distance teleportation come in handy. While subjugating demons and exploring the capital, I found five optimal spices.

1. Cut vegetables into your preferred size and stir-fry.
2. Cut the meat into bite-size pieces and stir-fry.

3. Add water and simmer for about 20 minutes on low heat.

4. Add the five spices to make curry roux.

Alright, it's done.

Sound of slurping

"Haaaa~"

Huh?! Everyone's drooling!

"Master, is this curry rice? The fragrant smell is indescribable."

"Haaa~ Sasha-sama~ Let's eat quickly~"

"Well then, let's eat."

Everyone dug into the curry rice at once. It's hot, so be careful not to burn your mouth.

"Mmmmm, delicious!"

It seems they really like it. As expected, I felt bad after seeing the grotesque scene caused by that pungent smell.

"So, how is it? Even Rikka can make curry rice, right?"

Huff, huff "Yes, I can make this too."

"If we add orc cutlets to this, it would be even more delicious."

"Master, can you only teach this curry rice to Redenburg instead of the

empire?"

"It's fine, but it's easy to copy since it's simple."

"If we didn't have these unique spices, it wouldn't have been this delicious. It doesn't seem to go well with Chinese cuisine, but beastmen like this kind of cuisine. There are many spices like this in Redenburg, so everyone would be happy."

"I understand. Since we're here in Redenburg, let's use the items being sold and make some dishes."

"Yay! Thank you!"

After finishing their lunch, they resumed their practice of Void Magic. It goes without saying that the punishment game was removed due to criticism from everyone.

On the morning of the third day since they started practicing Void Magic, Jin and Rikka had mastered the Void Magic

"Void Sphere." Finn and Iris were practicing juggling with two harmless Void Spheres. They seem to be close to mastering it.

As for me, I created Void Magic for:

- ☐ Short-range sword (length 1m, consumes 7000 magic power)
- ☐ Mid-range sphere (diameter 50cm, consumes 10000 magic power)
- ☐ Long-range bullet (similar to a sniper rifle bullet but with a length of 40cm and a diameter of 20cm, consumes 15000 magic power)

All three can be freely controlled. Well, it's like something from Gundam or Fullmetal Alchemist. Considering the amount of magic power the blessed people have, this was the best we could do. During use, a special membrane covers the user to prevent them from disappearing.

I explained the completed Void Magic to Burn, Will, and Ariel, who had just been blessed. Of course, I told them that the mastermind might execute a devil summoning, and that it was developed for use against devils. Everyone was amazed, especially Burn and Riffia, who were angry that we had blessed the hero and the saint. I was quite hesitant about how much to reveal. In the end, I apparently told everyone in the group about everything except for Sacha Shimizu. Sakuragi-kun and Mika also apparently learned for the first time about the crisis we were in and are now training harder than ever.

They said that even if it's impossible to subdue the gods, they will take care of the evil king and the surrounding evil tribes to reduce my burden. By telling everyone almost everything, their determination and resolve became even stronger, and their bonds grew deeper. Burn and Riffia apparently planned to continue their journey without telling Sakuragi-kun and the others about the situation.

[Thanks for ruining our plans. We were worried that revealing everything would make us lose sight of our goals. We were quite cautious about it.]

[Ahahaha, when it comes to the members who are traveling with us, we don't have such a soft mentality. We're stronger than that. Please believe us.]

[I can tell from their behavior. At first, they were surprised but accepted everything and then considered their best course of action. As Sasha said, let's talk without hiding anything. However, in the future, make sure to tell us the most important thing, such as putting blessings beforehand.]

[Yes, understood.]

Ahahaha, I can tell from Riffia's tone of voice that she caused quite a bit of trouble. I'm really sorry, especially with the High Elf incident.

Well, it's good that everyone's bond has deepened. Hmm, I tend to

rush ahead alone, so I have to be careful myself. Well, shall we head to the Imperial Palace soon?

"Everyone, we're going to meet the Emperor soon."

"Yes!"

Even though they said Imperial Palace, I didn't quite grasp the concept, but it's quite different from the castle in the Thermia Kingdom. It's divided into three areas: residential, meeting room, and research institute. The building we see now looks like the National Diet Building, so it might be a meeting room. It looks like an ordinary building at first glance, but magic tools are spread all over the place with magic spells. Probably, if someone who is not registered enters, the security will be notified immediately. We're heading to the Emperor's residence in the residential area.

"Oh, as expected of the Emperor's residence, it's huge."

"Master, aren't you nervous?"

"Hmm, I wonder why? I'm not nervous at all. I was more nervous when I met the evil god."

"Onee-sama, the comparison is too different."

The Emperor's guards were at the entrance, and they suddenly became sluggish when we said our names. I wonder if the Emperor and Keith were talking about who we are. Anyway, we entered and sat on the sofa in the living room.

"The guard seemed nervous."

"Onee-sama, I think it's natural to be nervous. They know how strong Rikka is, and there's someone who can knock her down with just a few attacks in front of them. They probably think that if they anger that person, they will be killed in an instant."

"Excuse me, you're quite rude. It's like I'm punishing anyone and everyone. I only punish my allies."

"Master, if possible, I would prefer if you don't punish your allies either."

"Sasha-sama, Jin is the only one who hasn't been punished yet. Please punish Jin too."

"What are you talking about? I haven't done anything wrong, and I haven't caused any trouble for anyone. There's no reason for me to be punished."

As for Jin, there's no particular need for punishment. Well, I'd like to try it once and see how he reacts.

"You guys, this is the Emperor's residence. Show some respect."

Oh, Keith is here.

"I'm about 2% nervous, just in case."

"I may be the Emperor, but being 2% nervous is the same as not being nervous at all."

The Emperor has also arrived. We exchanged a light greeting out of courtesy. Greetings over, it's time to talk about Chinese cuisine.

"Well then, in order to spread Chinese cuisine, I've written down every recipe I know."

"Oh, is there that much? The chefs will have a lot of fun making these."

"These recipes here are just the basics. How to improve them is up to the chefs in the Gardia Empire."

"Hehe, that's interesting. I'll take it as a challenge to the chefs. When you come back here next time, you'll be surprised."

"Yes, I'm looking forward to it. Well then, let's start teaching Chinese cuisine. It'll be Chinese cuisine for lunch, but that's okay, right?"

"Hahaha, of course! I was looking forward to it. Everyone working here will participate in lunch this time, so it'll be interesting." He seems to be completely amused. I heard from Keith beforehand that it will be a buffet style, but it still seems like it will be quite a job. Finn and the others are also getting motivated.

This is the backyard of the Emperor's residence, and the food is buffet-style. If anything runs out, it's stored in the item box for immediate replenishment.

The scene this time is on a larger scale than usual. The number of participants in the war (just a lunch) is about 40.

Everyone is eating heartily, forgetting their own work. Some are competing with Finn and Rikka over food, while others are competing with His Majesty the Emperor and Prince Keith. It's not a crime of disrespect because His Majesty the Emperor said so.

"My residence is always kept clean. Everyone here works hard every day. So, in gratitude for that, I want to treat everyone to a Chinese cuisine this time. Don't worry about the cost since I paid for all the ingredients myself. Eat as much as you want. However, for this meal only, I'll allow for disregard of etiquette."

Everyone was initially confused. Even though it's a disregard of etiquette, the other party is His Majesty the Emperor.

Later, the emperor said, "Try a bite of every dish," and as each person

ate, they realized the meaning of disregard of etiquette, and their eyes changed. With that one bite, they understood the emperor's intentions completely. I always think this, but why do the dishes I make always end up like this? I know they're delicious, but the Galderia Empire should have dishes that they're proud of too. So why does this situation happen?

All the dishes I made disappeared.

And what a surprise!

Everyone's stress seems to have disappeared. They all have a refreshing feeling as if they've exerted all their energy. Is it because of the war (competition)?

Somehow, it feels like Chinese cuisine will spread in a different way.

After finishing lunch and taking a break, the emperor suddenly started throwing a tantrum. He was saying something like,

"Sasha, it's a lifelong request. Please make a hot spring at my house."

Here it is. It's like a child's request. As a long shot, I explored a hot spring that had the same water quality as my private room and was located nearby. The hot spring also had a considerable amount of water. For long-distance teleportation of people, you need to visit the place once, but for objects, it's okay as long as you know the coordinates. That's because the coordinates of the current location are listed in the status column, so it's easy to transport the desired object to the current location. It seems that there is a hot spring nearby that is already filled. With this, the coordinates can also be determined.

As an experiment, I tried to teleport a small amount of hot spring water to the Emperor's bath using long-distance teleportation and it was successful. I never thought it would be a success. This is as far as I'll go. It's not good to rely on me for everything. After that, leave it to Keith. He said he acquired long-distance teleportation in three days, so he should be able to do it. I informed the Emperor that I put the hot spring water in his bath, and he went straight there.

"Keith, I'll leave the rest to you. With those coordinates, you'll be able to do long-distance teleportation and distribute the hot spring to the entire imperial capital. But we need to increase the number of wizards who can use space-time magic."

"That's the thing. If only we had a gem or magical tool that could grant space-time magic."

I already informed Keith about the Sphereart gem, so from here on out, the Thermia Kingdom and the Gardia Empire will develop the technology.

"That's too convenient to exist. If we want it, we'll have to make it ourselves."

"Yeah, that's true. Sasha has laid the groundwork so far. Leave the application to me!"

And for dinner, the chefs prepared Chinese food. Unlike lunch, we ate in a place where the Emperor usually uses. I imagined a luxurious room with a long table and a chandelier, but the room itself was a little plain, but it made me feel calm. This is made to calculate for the meal. Thanks to the course format, I was able to eat comfortably for the first time in a while. After consulting with the Emperor, we decided to stay here tonight.

The next morning, the time had finally come to depart for Redenburg. At the entrance of the Emperor's residence, there were many people, including the Emperor, Keith, the knights, and the servants.

"Lich, once the matter with Suou is settled, train Keith, the knights, and the magicians until you are satisfied with their abilities."

"Yes, understood. Hehehe, my skills will be put to use. They are all weaklings. I will train them thoroughly."

The knights were trembling when they heard that.

"Sasha, I have already informed the kings of Thermia (humans), Redenburg (beastmen), Sylphiel (elves), and Remnant (demons) of the achievements Sasha has accomplished so far and the purpose of our journey. With this, our allies should be able to meet with the kings without any problems. Are we heading straight to the royal capital?"

"Yes, if there are no unexpected events, we will head to the royal palace in the capital first. We will start exploring the ruins from there."

"Finn, you can finally return home. Will your journey end there, or will you make a decision to continue your journey with Sasha?"

"I'm fine. I have already made my decision."

"I see, everyone would be surprised if they saw the current princess."

So, the answer is already decided. Which option will she choose?

"Sasha, thank you for saving my brother Souou and for the incident at the tournament. I appreciate it. Watch and see, we will make the Gardia Empire prosper even more!"

"I'm looking forward to it, Keith. Well then, everyone, we will depart to Redenburg."

We had Rikka and Jin transform into their divine beast form and we rode on their backs.

"Oh, I see. Rikka and Jin are divine beasts."

Everyone seemed surprised to hear that.

"They have been in their human form recently. The emperor is seeing them in their divine beast form for the first time.

Rikka and Jin are actually the griffin and unicorn that have

transformed into their divine beast form."

"Really, Sasha never ceases to surprise me. Hehehe, it's still interesting. Just a reminder, be careful."

"Yes, we will. Well then, we will take our leave."

We said our goodbyes to everyone and left the Gardia Empire, heading to the Redenburg capital.

Chapter 98: Interlude 2: Heroes, to the Kingdom of Sylphiel - Crisis Due to Lack of Experience Chronologically, this is a story of the hero's side from when Sasha left Sphereart and headed towards the Gardia Empire.

○○○ Haruto Sakuragi's perspective

On the third day since entering the great forest, the evil tribe that appeared was at least C-class or higher, and we continued to be on high alert.

"Fujiyama, are we heading in the right direction towards the Great Wind Spirit's location?"

We were given a magical tool that looked like a compass to guide us to the Elven country of Sylphiel en route to the Great Forest. The forest was filled with many evil tribes, and our sense of direction was thrown off. In fact, since we were surrounded by trees in all directions, our sense of direction was completely lost. That's where this magical tool comes in handy. It looks like a compass, but by imbuing it with an attribute, it points towards the direction of the temple of each attribute. This time, we imbued it with the wind attribute, so it is pointing towards the direction of the temple of the wind in the capital of the Elven country.

"We're going in the right direction. Ah, I want to eat croquettes."

“Well, then, let's eat while running, Yumi?”

“Stop it, both of you. The smell will attract the evil tribes.”

It seems Kubo warned Shimazaki and Fujiyama. How much do they like fried food? I heard before that they became addicted to fried food after being treated to it several times at Shimizu's house. He also said that jogging every morning is part of his daily routine to avoid getting fat. I want to try Shimizu's fried food too.

Hmm, is that a spirit over there?

"Everyone, stop. A spirit has appeared."

“Thank you for stopping. I am the Wind Spirit. You guys are the party of the hero and the saintess, right?”

This girl is the Wind Spirit. She's a cute little girl about 30cm tall.

"Wow, she's cute!"

Shimazaki and Fukiyama seem to like her at first sight too.

"I'm Haruto Sakuragi, the hero."

After everyone finished their self-introductions, the spirit began to speak.

"You see, I'm sorry to say this while you're on your way to the Wind Temple, but all the spirits are currently weakened and unable to lend their power to the hero."

"Huh, all the spirits are weakened? I've never heard of that before. Did something happen to Goddess Sphere?"

"I'm sorry, even the Spirit King is confused right now, so I can't tell you the reason. Anyway, please go to the Wind Temple and talk to the Wind Great Spirit about it."

"What? Did you just have a sad expression on your face?"

"Hey, wait a minute. If the spirits are weakening, does that mean the holy sword can't be imbued with spirit power?"

"I'm afraid not for now. But in a little while, that person should become that and then their power will go up even more, so please wait a little longer."

"That person? That?"

"Oh! I wasn't supposed to say anything yet. Anyway, go meet the Wind Great Spirit. See you later~"

Without waiting for a response, she quickly went away.

"Hey, she didn't tell us anything about the weakening. Did Kubo hear it?"

"No, probably even the Thermia Kingdom leaders don't know about it."

"For now, let's go meet the Wind Great Spirit. It seems like the situation is more serious than we thought."

Weakening of the spirits, that person will become that... From the way the spirits speak, that person should be an ally, and she mentioned that the weakening problem may also be resolved. First, meeting the Wind Great Spirit is a top priority.

Looks like we're being followed.

"Ryuzaki."

"Yeah, I know. We're being followed. From their presence, it seems like they're from the Evil tribe. What should we do?"

"If possible, let's go to a slightly open area. If there are trees, unexpected attacks could be dangerous."

"Good point."

After discussing with Kubo, Shimazaki, and Fukiyama, they found a slightly open place and waited for the Evil tribe to come. After a while, three Evil tribe members appeared. They were bipedal, about 2 meters tall, and were similar to Lizardmen in type. However, it's clear that their evil power is Class A, they're strong. One of them had a sword and shield, one had a staff, and the other had no weapons, so he was probably a bare-handed fighter. Judging from their presence, the bare-handed fighter is probably the weakest. The swordsman seems to be the toughest.

"Hey, why don't you say something instead of staying quiet!"

"Ryuzaki, don't provoke them."

"I know, Sakuragi. But these guys are probably Class A. It's creepy that they don't introduce themselves."

The evil tribe with bare hands stepped forward a little.

"Oh brave hero, shall we have a match first?"

"Yeah, sure. Bring it on!"

As soon as he said that, he rushed towards me. Hey hey, does he want

to tackle me? He's quite fast, but I can easily block his attack with my shield. As I was about to block his attack with my shield,

"Pah!"

"What! Guaaaaah!"

Juu~

He spat something from his mouth. It got right into my eyes!

"Sakuragi!"

"The ones who will fight against you are us! Kaa!"

Kubo and the others have started fighting too?

Zun

"Guh!"

Ah, I got hit right in the stomach. My eyes hurt! Damn, don't panic! What's the situation? Are Ryuzaki and the others fighting against the swordsmen and the evil spellcasters of the evil tribe?

What the! Suddenly, the presence from the front became stronger. Wait a minute, did that guy with bare hands intentionally suppress his presence!

"Guh, gah!"

This guy is strong.

"Haaa!"

I tried to slash him relying on his presence, but it still didn't hit.

"Uh, ah, aaaaahhh!"

"Uwaaaa! Stop, ah, gaga!"

"Shimazaki, Fukiyama~~! You guys!"

"Wait! I'll help you now."

"You guys are fighting against me."

"Damn, don't get in the way!"

"These guys are too good at coordination."

What was that just now, was it the voice of Ryuzaki and Shimazaki?
This is bad, at this rate, we'll all be wiped out!

"What are you looking at? Pah!"

Juu~

"Guaaah!"

Damn, did he hurt my right wrist this time? I can't hold the Holy Sword. Damn, what should I do, what can I do!

"Kaa!"

Damn, his attack should be light, but my body is getting heavier and

heavier. I see, he's aiming for my vital points.

"Guh, gah!"

These guys won't give us a chance to think.

"Kuhahaha, brave hero, how pitiful. To become this battered just by being defeated, it's a shame you won't be able to see us kill these two women."

"What did you say!"

"You, isn't that too cowardly!"

"Damn it, they planned this strategy."

Are Ryuzaki and Kubo safe, and did Shimazaki and Fukiyama become hostages?

"Fuhahaha! Cowardly? Are you all fools? For us of the Evil tribe, the Hero and the Saintess are natural enemies. We must kill them by any means necessary. Cowardice, we'll take it as a compliment. Farewell, Saintess."

"Nooooo!"

"Shimazaki~~ Fukiyama~~"

"What happened? It suddenly got quiet."

"You, rest for a while and cool your head."

Bam

"Huh, who's there? My consciousness--"

"---"

"Uuu, where am I? Right, what happened to the Evil tribe?"

"Your consciousness has returned, that's great! Sakuragi, are your eyes okay?"

Shimazaki was safe. Wait, my eyes? Ah, they can see?

"Huh? Why?"

"Riffia used 'Max Heal' to heal you."

I turned to where the voice came from and saw two strangers, a man with sharp red eyes and a woman with beautiful blue hair.

"Did you save us?"

"Yeah, that's right. I'm Burn Veil."

"I'm Riffia Rose."

"Thank you for helping us. I'm Haruto Sakuragi. Is everyone okay?"

"Yes, we were saved by Burn-san and Riffia-san."

"Sorry, everyone. I was caught off guard, and our coordination fell apart."

"If anything, that's the least of our problems. Well, we've been telling Shinya (Ryuzaki), Yoshiki (Kubo), Yumi (Fukiyama), and Mika (Shimazaki) all along, but if anyone is taking responsibility for this, it's you, Haruto. We've been watching from the beginning. Are you stupid? You can't seriously think that you can have a real serious match like a human when you're asked to spar. They're the Evil tribe,

they'll definitely use underhanded methods. Besides, you got confused just because you lost your sight, and put your comrades in danger. You were completely caught in the enemy's trap."

I couldn't argue with that.

"I'm sorry. It's completely my fault."

"Burn, I'm reflecting on what happened. You don't need to lecture me anymore. We're safe and sound, so let's just think of this as a good learning experience."

"Well, I guess you're right. Let's not get too angry about this. However, we need to investigate what caused this situation and make sure it doesn't happen again."

Burn is right. Under normal circumstances, even if I couldn't see, I should have been able to sense the opponent's presence or the movements of their evil power. However, I was caught off guard by suddenly losing my vision and became confused, without any time to think. I was completely defeated. The cause of this was my lack of actual combat experience.

Looking at Kubo and the others, it seems like they all thought the same thing as me. I looked at everyone and we nodded at each other.

"Please, Burn-san and Riffia-san, train us! We're counting on you!"

"Ah, everyone is of the same opinion at times like this."

"Haha, don't worry. You've all become stronger, but you still lack a significant amount of actual combat experience. The king of Thermia has judged that there's a risk of you being played around with and killed by the evil tribe in the Great Forest if things continue like this. That's why we came here to make up for it."

Wow, the king of Thermia was actually considering us to that extent!

Thank you! (Actually, it's a bit different.)

"Everyone, let's reflect on this failure and use it to our advantage. Let's become even stronger!"

"Yes, sir!"

We will become even stronger!

Chapter 99: Mock battle with Burn

Haruto Sakuragi's Point of View on a simulation battle with Burn

For three days since we met Burn-san, I (Haruto Sakuragi), Shinya (Ryuzaki), and Yoshiteru (Kubo) have been training with him, while Mika (Shimazaki) and Yumi (Fukiyama) have been training with Riffia-san. To strengthen our bonds, we have started calling each other by our first names.

Currently, we are heading towards the Wind Temple. Even during our journey, Burn-san's training continues. By concentrating magic in their feet and using magic wraps, their movement speed is terrifyingly fast. Moreover, since this is a large forest, there are too many obstacles. We are running to keep up with Burn-san's pace, but it keeps changing, obviously toying with us. This training has been going on since the day after we met Burn-san, and today is the second day. Yesterday's training only lasted for 30 minutes. However, everyone was exhausted from that short 30 minutes. I realized that maintaining the magic wraps was incredibly difficult. At first, I thought the training was easy, but as time went on, it became increasingly difficult to maintain the magic wraps. Our daily schedule is as follows: Moving training → Break → Moving training → Break → Simulation battle → Sleep After the moving training, we have a simulation battle and then go straight to sleep. When we wake up, the moving training begins again. To be honest, these two days have been hell. However, what's strange is that when I woke up yesterday and today, my body felt incredibly light. Moreover, the limit time of the moving training has been extended.

When I told Burn-san about it, he said that after we went to bed, Riffia-san used the regenerating magic "Regeneration" to gradually restore our exhausted bodies. By doing so, she was able to grow our magic, bones, and muscles. When Burn-san said that we would continue this training all the time during our journey to the capital, we were all shocked.

Furthermore, there was something that I realized during the mock battle with Burn-san. We were made acutely aware of the fact that we were still inexperienced in many ways.

"Our movements and feints are too straightforward. Don't rely too much on magic. Our cooperation is too sloppy. We are too dependent on the attack power of the Holy Sword. Get rid of your complacency."

We were criticized for our many shortcomings, and we are striving every day to overcome them. Now, it was time for a one-on-one mock battle with Burn-san.

"This mock battle will be conducted barehanded. I want to know the current strength of Haruto in this condition. Come at me with all your might."

"Understood."

Even when I challenged him with my "Magic Enchantment" at full power, I couldn't stand up to him in swordsmanship or physical combat. With my current full power, I will use it from the beginning! I changed from "Magic Enchantment" to

"Thunder Fighting Spirit."

"Oh, you still remember the upper level of 'Magic Enchantment.' As expected of you," he said.

"From the way you say that, it seems that you remember it too, Burn-san."

"Ah, yes, I remember it."

As expected... Currently, Burn-san has only been using "Magic Enchantment." I want to at least let him use the upper level to see how far my full power can go.

"Here I come!"

I tried to punch Burn-san in the face with all my might, but he easily evaded it without changing his expression. I'll keep punching him.

"Haah, ha, taa!"

Remember what you've done so far, don't panic. Use feints and murderous intent to fight.

"Oh, your movements have improved since the beginning. There's murderous intent in your feints, and it's quite impressive. However..."

He's been avoiding everything I threw at him... how about this? I ran around Burn-san at maximum speed, gradually closing the distance between us.

"Your fighting style is decent, but..."

Ah, I finally got an opening! This is it! I aimed for Burn-san's right flank with a full-power blow.

Thud

"Gah, what... why..."

Before I knew it, Burn-san's left fist had deeply penetrated my own abdomen, and I collapsed.

"Nicely countered. "

"C-Counter? But, Burn-san, your hands didn't move."

"Ah, I didn't do anything. You came at me with your own volition and ran into my fist."

What's going on? I ran into him? That's ridiculous! When I looked at Shinya and Yoshiteru, who were watching, it seemed like they didn't understand the situation either.

"From the looks of it, none of you understand how this happened, right?"

"Y-Yes."

I don't get it at all. Burn-san was avoiding my attacks, but he didn't show any signs of attacking himself. And yet, this is the result.

"First, Haruto used a feint while closing the distance between us. Then, you thought you saw an opening in me and attacked."

"Yes."

"That was also a feint. You were only focused on attacking my right flank, so you didn't see my movements. I moved my body slightly just before you hit my right flank. By moving my body, your stomach ended up running into my left fist."

Seriously?! I didn't notice at all.

"And I also took advantage of the weakness of thunder aura."

"Weakness! Come to think of it, you easily dodged my attacks, but I never thought---"

No way. This is my first time seeing thunder aura. Did he see a weakness that even I couldn't see with just a brief glance?

"Thunder aura itself is a powerful skill, but Haruto, the user, hasn't completely mastered it yet. When he moves, he emits a little bit of thunder, which makes it easy to see where he's going. And his movements are linear. I used that to my advantage in this counter."

We could only stare in disbelief. Is it possible to see through that much just from the first glance?

"Hehehe, Burn is a beast, so he's really good at feint attacks. And his intuition and predictive ability are outstanding, so even against evil tribe opponents with more speed, he can defeat them without difficulty."

Riffia-san, can you really call him a beast in front of him?

"If you're asking whether it's a wild beast, in a way it is."

He seems to agree with himself.

"Haruto, compress your thunder fighting spirit until it's 1 cm on the surface of your body. If you can control it to that extent, you should be able to overcome your weaknesses and increase your strength by about ten times your basic ability."

What, 1 cm on the surface of my body! Controlling thunder fighting spirit is quite difficult. --I have no choice but to do it.

"Can you do it, Burn-san?"

"Yeah, something like this. It's called 'Flame Fighting Spirit'."

Burn-san's body is shining blue. Hey, is this what it looks like when you master it? At first glance, it doesn't seem to have any power, but you can see that the blue shining parts are compressed with fire at a frightening density.

"I'll do my best to be able to do that too!"

There are certainly many shortcomings in the current situation, but if we overcome them, we can become even stronger.

We'll become even more greedy for strength. I'll definitely catch up to

and surpass Burn-san!

Yumi Fukiyama's Perspective :

Am I dreaming? A fighting scene that I often see in manga and anime is unfolding right in front of my eyes. To be honest, I can't handle such a battle. Sigh~ I can't even use powerful magic like when Mika defeated the Shadow King. To be

blunt, am I just a burden? The only thing I can contribute is my unique skill. That's why I want to improve myself. I want to become even stronger and be useful to everyone.

Oh no, I'm thinking unnecessary things. Anyway, I can hardly see Haruto-kun's movements. I can only see faint afterimages. Burn-san isn't moving much himself, but he seems to be definitely catching Haruto-kun's movements. I have a vague idea of how he's doing it.

"Mika, Yumi, what do you think about this battle?"

Um, can I honestly say what I think?

"I can hardly see Haruto's movements. But Burn-san can definitely catch them, right? Is it just because Burn-san is strong?"

Yes, Mika's right. I can imagine the reason why Burn-san can see Haruto-kun's movements.

"To Mika, it appears that way. Well, one reason is that Burn is strong, but what about Yumi? Be frank."

"Yes, then I will be frank. I don't understand most of Haruto-kun's movements, but I think I can handle them. Depending on the method, I think I can win."

"Wait a minute, Yuumi. What do you mean? How can you win against those movements?"

"If I were the opponent, I think I could win by hardly moving and countering. Yes! Counter, as in boxing. You release a technique in sync with the opponent's timing, right?"

"Yes, but I don't think you need to synchronize with Haruto-kun's movements. From what I see of Haruto-kun right now, his movements are straightforward, so the timing of his attacks is easy to understand. That's why Burn-san is hardly moving either. If you just stand there, Haruto-kun will come charging at you, so I think you can win just by putting your fist there. But it's easier said than done, and it involves a considerable risk for me right now. Maybe Mika can do it?"

"Now that you say that, his movements are indeed straightforward. Yes, I think I can counter him too."

Riffia may be testing us or leading us to this answer.

"Hehe, Yumi's answer is correct. Yes, among your members, Yumi can derive the optimal solution. Next is probably Yoshiki. Currently, Yoshiki is faster at arriving at answers, but 80% of his answers are safe, while only 20% are optimal.

In Yumi's case, the speed at which she arrives at the answer is slower, but she has 30% safe answers and 70% optimal answers, and she often arrives at the best answer. In actual combat, the victory or defeat is determined by the answer derived during the battle. If you make a mistake, you will undoubtedly die. A person who has the ability to derive the optimal solution to win is essential in a party. Yumi may indeed be the weakest in the party, but she possesses the most important qualities for surviving in the future. So have confidence!"

Yes! I was praised just now. I have the quality that Riffia-san mentioned. Even if I am weak, I just need to provide the correct answer and lead everyone there!

"Yes! I will have more confidence in myself. I'll do my best to give the correct answer and lead everyone to victory."

"Yes, Yumi can do it. And the five of you make a good balance as a party. Shinya and Mika are the mood makers, Yoshiki and Yumi can

make relatively calm judgments in any situation, and Haruto is an essential presence. There are still some areas where you need to improve, but if you train, you will not only become stronger but also grow as a person.

Keep up the good work."

"Yes!"

Ah, I want to become a woman like Riffia with such a nurturing personality in the future.

"Oh, it turned out just as Yumi said."

"Really! Yumi, you're amazing. Haruto, Shinya, and Yoshiki don't seem to understand at all."

It really turned out as I said. I was able to find the optimal solution while observing as a bystander. But Burn is able to come up with the optimal solution without any hesitation in that situation. Of course, the difference in experience is significant, but maybe Burn has also developed the qualities that Riffia talked about. I want to gain more experience and be able to come up with the optimal solution to lead to victory even in difficult situations.

"Ah, Riffia-san, is there a name for the quality you mentioned earlier?"

Mika, does it really matter?

"It doesn't have a name, but when I told my friend Will about it, he said, 'Let's call that quality Optimal Solution!' Burn seems to like the sound of it too, and he occasionally mentions it."

"Oh, Optimal Solution, what a cool name! Yumi and Yoshiki have Optimal Solution, right?"

That person Will must be a reincarnated individual for sure!

"Seishin Itto" is a unique skill that, under certain conditions, reveals the opponent's weaknesses or methods of subjugation.

T/N : Seishin Itto = maybe One Spirit or mental focus?

"Optimal Solution" is not a skill or a unique skill. It is merely a quality. It is the ability to come up with the optimal solution to efficiently defeat an opponent by observing them after the start of a battle.

Chapter 100: Haruto's Question

○○○ Sakuragi Haruto's Point of View

Currently, we are on our way to the Wind Temple. After enduring rigorous training for five days, my body has become completely accustomed to it. Although the duration of our training has been increased from 30 minutes to one hour, I am only slightly tired now. Even with Riffia-san's magic, I'm still a little scared of my own body. Since the mock battle with bare hands, we have challenged Burn-san several times, but we haven't been able to land a single hit yet. Burn-san is really strong. Especially Shinya is impressed by Burn-san's strength and has been calling him "master" since that day.

By the way, we have encountered the water, earth, and wind spirits several times during our journey. However, every time we met them, they said:

"I'm sorry, I can't lend you my power right now. Please wait, I'll recover soon."

They looked so sad that I couldn't ask any questions. I have so many questions that I want to ask and I want to solve this feeling of uneasiness as soon as possible.

According to Burn-san, we can leave the Great Forest in about two days.

"What's wrong, Haruto? You look down."

"Oh, it's nothing, Yoshiteru. I'm just thinking about how to land an attack on Burn-san."

"That guy is a monster. I can't see his limits at all."

"Well, that's true."

"Yesterday, I tried to attack with the help of a wind spirit nearby, but I was easily defeated. Then, I consulted with the wind spirit on how to land an attack, and it said something that bothered me."

"Something that bothered you?"

"Yeah, it said 'It's impossible to defeat Burn in the current situation. He has divine protection.' But it didn't tell me who give that divine protection."

"Is it Goddess Sphere or Goddess Saria?"

"That's what I thought too. But when I asked about Goddess Saria, it got really angry and said, 'It's definitely not her!'

She's just--nothing.' When I asked about Goddess Sphere, it abruptly ended there."

【It's not like that. I can't say who it is now.】

This time, a strong feeling of sadness came across. It seemed that all the spirits I met held feelings of anger towards the goddess Saria and feelings of sadness towards the goddess Sphere. Something might have happened to the goddess Sphere. As a precaution, I asked if I could receive her blessing.

The wind spirit replied,

【It's impossible now. If we give you our blessing at this point, it will cause trouble. I'm sorry, hero. I can't go into details yet. When the time comes, she will become 'that'. Then we spirits will gain a significant boost in power and be able to cooperate with you.】

That was what the wind spirit said."

"It's a concerning way of speaking. It's certain that something is happening that we don't know about."

"Yeah, the reason for the weakening of the spirits, that person, the goddess Sphere, and the goddess Saria---they must all be involved. Even the high spirits in the Wind Temple might not be able to bestow the power of the spirit on the Holy Sword. Let's at least ask for the reason."

"Hey, I just thought of something. Can magic still be used normally? Could it not be related to the weakening of the spirits?"

Shinya said that now? Let's leave the explanation to Yoshiteru.

"Shinya, magic is based on black magic. It has nothing to do with the power of the spirits. The power of the spirits is essential to maintaining this other world, Spheretalia."

"Sorry, I forgot. If the spirits are weakened, it could be a problem, right?"

"Yeah, it's bad. Haruto, did the spirits say anything else?"

"No, they didn't."

We don't have many clues. Should we ask Burn and Riffia about it after the training?



After finishing today's training, I talked to Burn and Riffia about the doubts I had felt so far.

1. Weakening of the spirits
2. That person mentioned by the spirits

3. The goddess Sphere and the goddess Saria

"These are our doubts. Do you know anything?"

"Tsk, you talkative spirits! What good does it do to make the heroes anxious!"

As expected, they seem to know something.

"Ah, I see. But even though we just recently found out, we still don't fully understand it. First, about the goddess Saria, we don't even know who or what she is. Considering she's a goddess, it's safe to assume she has some sort of big connection with Sphere. What we can say for sure is that the goddess Saria won't cooperate with us at all. Next, the weakening of the spirits is undoubtedly due to the weakening of the goddess Sphere's power. The seal has been weakening more than expected, so the goddess Sphere is also doing various things. As a result, the goddess's own power has weakened, and so

has the power of the spirits. Next, "that person" that the spirits mentioned is working to help the weakened goddess. They can't restore the goddess's power, but apparently, they can deal with the weakening of the spirits. That's all we know for now.

In Burn's mind: (Hey, this is the first time I've heard about the weakening of the spirits. Sasha, tell us everything! Well, the cause of the weakening of the spirits is probably because the goddess Sphere escaped from the management world. As expected, it's better to keep the escape hidden, it'll just cause anxiety. They're saying that the spirits will recover, so if we match our story, it should be okay. What I'm concerned about is "that person" Even though that person already becoming an evil god, what will she become next?)"

I see, so "that person" is helping since the goddess Sphere can't move. However, why do the spirits have a sad expression?

Are they simply worried about the goddess Sphere? It feels like something else is going on. And who is the goddess Saria? Why did she turn Shimizu into an evil tribe member? Based on what Shinya and Yoshiteru said, it was just because she didn't like him, but can such a goddess really exist? Burn said he doesn't fully understand

either, so the Thermia Kingdom must still be investigating.

What we can be sure of is that the goddess Saria is our enemy! Once we reseal the evil king, we'll definitely find her.



Two days later (the 10th day since entering the Great Forest), we finally managed to exit the forest and enter the Sylphiel Kingdom of the Elves. We almost got wiped out in the Great Forest, but thanks to Burn-san and Riffia-san, we were able to survive and become stronger. Actually, yesterday we encountered three A-class members of the Evil Tribe and it turned into a battle. I was a little surprised that they used Evil Power instead of Magic Power, but we fought back using Magic Power. They also tried some underhanded tactics, but Yuuki and Yuumi quickly realized the situation and told us how to deal with it, so we won easily without getting too nervous. Burn-san and the others praised us, but we were also warned.

"The A-class members we fought in the Great Forest this time don't have much difference in their ability values compared to upper-level B-class members. However, when they become A-class, their intelligence increases, and there are those who can coordinate like this. Also, as they become higher-ranked A-class members, their level of Evil Power increases, and their strength approaches that of S-class members. The higher-ranked ones usually act alone and have fair fights based on strength, but never let your guard down! Especially for you guys who have the Hero and the Saint, even if they're higher-ranked, there's a high chance they'll use underhanded tactics to kill you. Be careful!"

"Yes, sir!"

"Also, it seems that the Evil Tribe doesn't fully understand the skill 'Evil Power' like they do 'Magic Cladding.' When they become S-class, they all have it, but when they're A-class or lower, there are those who have it and those who don't. Be cautious."

We were surprised to hear that. Indeed, Shadow didn't know about Magic Cladding. The Evil Tribe we encountered on the 3rd day in the Great Forest didn't have it either. We have to be careful from now on.

Now that we safely exited the forest, the next place to aim for is the royal capital.

"There's a fortress city called Martique about an hour's run away from our current speed. We'll be staying there for two days starting today. And there will be no training while we're in town."

"Eh? We're staying for two days? And there's no training, sensei?"

"What do you mean, sensei?"

It's understandable that Mika and Shinya were surprised. Something's off.

"Everyone has been continuing Burn's training for 6 days. Thanks to my magic, the physical strain has been minimized, but it's not the case for the mental aspect. We've been moving through the forest for a long time, so we should take a break soon."

Ah, I see. This has become a normal feeling. Once we arrive in town, we'll be temporarily released from that hellish training. Normally, I would be happy about it, but I feel strange.

We arrived in town in just about an hour. I suddenly thought, "How fast are we moving?" If it takes about two hours by carriage, then we must be moving at almost double the speed of a carriage! Without realizing it, we must have exceeded the limits of human capabilities.

"As expected of a fortress city, the magic castle wall is amazing."

As Yumi said, it's a magic castle wall. I learned about it in class. Each kingdom has its own defense methods against the evil tribes. The Sylphiel Kingdom has been focusing on developing new magic and

magical tools since the development of magic in the demon world to prepare for the possible return of the evil king. This magic castle wall is their masterpiece, and when activated, it forms a dome-shaped barrier that can block physical and magical attacks. I wonder how durable it is.

"Hehe, we're close to the Great Forest. Sometimes the evil tribes attack, so it's the key to Sylphiel Kingdom's defenses. Of course, it's also in the capital. Now, let's go into the town."

Inside the town, there were peaceful fields scattered about. I thought it was a big city outside the castle walls. It's really calming.

"Haruto, it's amazing. It reminds me of the countryside in Japan."

"Yeah, I thought there would be a big city."

"What are you doing, Shinya?"

"I'm just wondering what kind of crops they're growing. They have something similar to watermelons and something like cantaloupes."

"Hey, what are you guys doing? Hurry up or we'll leave you behind!"

I was being careless, looking around and got separated from Burn-san and Riffia-san.

After a while, we saw the city walls again. When we passed through the gates, we found ourselves in a lively place that looked like a real metropolis.

"Hehe, welcome to Maltique, everyone. Once you secure an inn, feel free to take a break until we depart."

Oh, this looks like it'll be worth exploring!

After securing an inn, the five of us strolled around the town. It's been a while since Mika and Yumi's appetite kicked in.

We ran out of the fried food we had bought in advance on the journey here. Today, we'll take a leisurely break, and tomorrow Mika and I will research the evil potion and the antidote that can restore people to normal. I wonder what Shimizu is doing now? Wait for me, I'll definitely return her to her human form!

"Yumi, do you have any fried food?"

"I hope there is, but if not, I'll make some. I have the recipe."

How obsessed are you guys with fried food? You'll get fat!

Jiiiiiiiiii

Oops, I was just thinking it, but I feel like I'm being glared at with killing intent! Can they read minds?

"Haruto, Shinya and I were thinking the same thing. But only you showed it on your face."

"Huh, really?!"

"Totally serious. Be careful. Apparently, women are sensitive to that kind of thing."

Let's think about something else.

Afterward, there was tempura vegetables at the market. Naturally, Mika and Yumi were sparkling with joy as they ate. We also ate it, and it was light and delicious. When we asked various things, it seems like the elves consider vegetables as their main dish and meat as a light

side dish. It's fortunate that meat was the main dish before coming here. Moreover, the vegetables here are sweet and delicious. They are similar to the vegetables eaten at high-class Japanese restaurants.

Somehow, eating like this makes my heart feel calm. Until now, everything has been fierce and intense. Oh, that's right, I should tell Burn-san and Riffia-san about Shimizu. I can trust them, and they might have some good information. Why did I overlook such an important thing? It must have been because of my mental exhaustion. I see, training is good, but I also understand the importance of rest like this.

After enjoying the food to our heart's content, we returned to the inn. Shinya and Yoshiteru seemed tired and immediately fell asleep.

Now's my chance. Let's go to Burn-san's room.

Chapter 101: Fear of the High Elves

POV of Haruto Sakuragi:

As I tried to enter Burn-san's room, I felt magic coming from inside. And then, I couldn't hear any sound from the room.

Is it "Silent", or is he communicating with someone? Should I wait until the communication is over?

The communication ended after about 15 minutes, just as I was about to knock on the door.

"Haruto, you can come in."

As expected, he knew I was there.

"Excuse me."

Riffia-san was also there.

"Do you want to know who the communication was from?"

Of course.

"Well, I'm curious. Was there any progress?"

"No, unfortunately, there wasn't any."

No progress... that's too bad.

"So, Haruto, what is your business here?"

Oops, I almost forgot.

"Burn-san, do you know about the Evil Heart Medicine and the Caprice Box?"

"I know about the Caprice Box since it's famous, but what is the Evil Heart Medicine?"

In Burn's mind: (Evil Heart Medicine, huh? That must be about Sasha. If I remember correctly, there should be no one in the Thermia Kingdom's capital who has noticed Sasha = Akane Shimizu.)

I explained in detail to Burn-san and Riffia-san about the incident that happened during the kingdom's training, but I didn't mention any names. It could be easily found out, but Saria hates Shimizu, so I feel like she would be suspicious if the name came up.

1. A female classmate was given the Evil Heart Medicine and transformed from a human into an evil tribe member after being disliked by Saria, who was the voice heard from the Caprice Box.

2. The girl is currently in hiding somewhere in the Thermia Kingdom with the same appearance as before.

3. Mika and I know she is still alive, but everyone else thinks she's dead.

4. Currently searching for information about the Evil Heart Medicine.

5. Searching for an item that can change one's race.

"I see. So, you came to ask us if we know about the Evil Heart Medicine or an item that can change one's race?"

"Yes."

"Unfortunately, I've never heard of the evil potion or the race-changing item."

"I'm sorry, Haruto. I don't know either. If there is a possibility of reversing it, we can only ask Saria herself."

"The opponent is a god, but it would be easier to find and beat them up before asking."

If I could do that, I would have done it already.

"I have a question too. Haruto and the others met the goddess when they were first summoned. Was it the goddess Sphere or Saria?"

"It was the goddess Sphere. I myself don't know what Saria looks or sounds like, but Shinya and Yoshihira have heard the voice of Caprice Box. The tone of the voice was completely different from Sphere's."

"Do you remember where you met Sphere?"

"The place? It was a large plain with white surroundings."

Burn-san and Riffia seem to be thinking about something. Is there something there?

"Haruto, if you knew the teleportation magic, could you go to that place now if you were told to?"

In novels, the setting of coordinates and the image are important for teleportation, right? I can strongly imagine that place, but I don't know the coordinates.

"Um, I don't know how teleportation works in this world, but I can imagine it strongly, but I don't know the coordinates."

"That won't work. Setting the coordinates is important to successfully teleport in this world."

"Is there something there?"

"It's simple. We will become stronger than Saria, transfer to the world where Saria is, and defeat her"

Riffia's thoughts: (Although it's actually Sasha who will do that.)

Oi oi, is that why you asked? Certainly, if the goddess Sphere existed, then the goddess Saria should also exist somewhere in that world. huh?

"Can't we go to the person the spirit was talking about?"

"That person doesn't know how to get there because that person is not a God yest. I was just wondering if any of you knew how to get there."

I see. It is certainly possible to go to that world as long as we know the coordinates.

"Do you not know the king of the Sylphiel Kingdom?"

gulp

How unusual, Riffia seems scared?

"Well, we have no choice but to ask the king and those above him. Riffia, give up!"

Are there people above the king?

"Well, whatever. The four high elves founded the Sylphiel Kingdom. Two of them died in the Evil King's war 500 years ago, but the remaining two are still alive and watching over us. The lifespan of an elf is about 400 years, and that of a high elf is about 2000 years. If we ask them, they might know something. However..."

The lifespan of high elves is amazing. If they live that long, they might know the way to the world where gods live.

However, Riffia has been looking extremely gloomy since earlier.

"Riffia, don't you want to meet them that much?"

"Hehehe, only three people have met the two high elves: the maid who takes care of them and the king and queen. And even the king and queen can only meet them once every few decades. They are such revered beings that it is impossible to meet them normally! So it is definitely impossible to have an audience with them!"

Riffia's eyes are lifeless. It must be quite a pressure for her.

"Well, if it was just a normal Evil King's resealing, we wouldn't be able to meet, but this time the situation is different.

There's some kind of abnormality happening in the God's world. The High Elves should know something. I'll definitely get it out of them."

"Burn-san, you're making a face that says 'I'll force it out of them'."

"Absolutely not, Burn! The heroes will be fine, but the two of us will definitely be sentenced to death!"

I can't believe gentle Riffia is this angry. I'll have to explain it properly to Mika later.

"Haruto, if you have an audience with the High Elves, make sure to show respect! Especially Shinya!"

I've been warned. I'll have to be firm with Shinya. He had a previous conviction for a death sentence due to his Demon King remarks during his summoning, so it's really dangerous.

"Understood. I'll make sure to tell everyone firmly."

After finishing my conversation with Burn-san, I returned to my room. I wonder if Burn-san and Riffia-san also don't know about the Evil Heart medicine and race change items. The only hope is the High Elves. We have no choice but to rely on them. Oops, it seems like Shinya and Yoshiteru woke up from the sound of the door.

"Sorry for waking you up. Hey, what's going on? You seem to be thinking about something."

I've been pointed out by Shinya. At this point, should I tell them about the earlier conversation? Of course, I'll leave out the part about Shimizu.

"I was talking with Burn-san about our future plans."

1. The place where we met the goddess Sphere was in the God's world, and we need to know the coordinates to go there.

2. We need to have an audience with High Elves who are above the king to explain the current situation and obtain the coordinates of the

God's world.

3. These two High Elves are people who even the king can only meet once every few decades, and are worshipped by all Elves. If they get upset, Burn-san and Riffia-san will be executed immediately.

I conveyed these three points to Shinya and Yoshiteru.

"Shinya, be careful. You're the one most likely to mess something up."

"Yoshiteru, I won't make such a mistake again. I wouldn't want my master to be executed."

"Please be really careful. After this, I'll also tell Mika and Yumi the same thing. Meeting with the High Elves is our top priority. We also need to keep an eye on the Evil Tribe's movements. A big war broke out in Sphereart and the Evil Tribe suffered a major defeat. They won't stay quiet after this."

"I feel like something's going to happen even in the Sylphiel Kingdom here."

Chapter 102: Blessing of the goddess Sasha

Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi :

"What?!?"

Rustle rustle

"Hey, Haruto, why are you shouting so loudly?"

"Ah, sorry! Um, it's nothing, really."

The five of us split into two groups to have a fried food competition. The rules were simple: Mika and Yumi went off on their own to see

who could discover the most unique fried foods that only elves make. That's why I'm with Mika. During our search, we suddenly received an update about our status information. When I checked my status, I found out that I had the title "Blessed by Goddess Sasha." I wondered if Mika also had the same title.

"Mika, let's go somewhere less crowded."

"Huh? Why all of a sudden?"

"Just trust me, there's something I want to check."

After walking a little, we arrived at a plaza. It should be fine to discuss things here.

"Mika, could you check your title field in the status menu?"

"Huh? My title field? Sure, but... huh!?"

"Do you understand why I shouted earlier?"

"Yeah, I do, but what's 'Blessed by Goddess Sasha'?"

It must be related to adventurer Sasha, but how did she become a goddess? She's supposed to be a reincarnated person.

The title field had the following description:

Title: Blessed by Goddess Sasha

For those who have met and been recognized by Goddess Sasha, an additional amount of experience points will be added to those gained from defeating evil tribes. For those who have not yet met her, the same amount of experience points will be added from the time they obtain this title.

Wait a minute, neither Mika nor I have met her. Then why were we recognized? Could it be because we're the hero and the saint? If Goddess Sphere recognized Haruto as a hero, maybe Sasha recognized him because of that. Regardless, we have to let everyone know.

"Anyway, let's go back to the inn. We have to inform everyone. Burn and Riffia should be there."

"Okay."

When we returned to the inn, Burn and Riffia were drinking in the first-floor dining room.

"Hey, what's wrong? The fried food competition?"

"An emergency has occurred. We can't talk about it here, so let's discuss it in the room."

"An emergency? Must be something serious. Riffia, let's go back to the room."

Once they were back in the room and settled down, they talked to Burn-san and Riffia-san.

"Mika and I have the title of 'Goddess Sasha's Blessing'."

Clatter

"What?!?"

"That bastard should have told us earlier!!"

"Hehe, does Sasha hold a grudge against us?"

What's going on here? Riffia-san, I'm scared.

I sent a message to Mika with my eyes, asking her to say something. She looked like she didn't want to, but eventually gave in.

"Um, do you know about Sasha? Could you tell us?"

sigh "Well, I guess we have no choice but to tell you. However, once we do, the purpose of your journey may become meaningless. Are you still willing to listen?"

Wait, is it that important?

"Burn-san, please wait until everyone is here. We should all hear this together."

I used space magic to contact Yumi and the others, telling them there was an emergency and to come back immediately.

Everyone was gathered. Yumi looked like she had something to say, but she realized that the atmosphere was different and stayed quiet.

"Sensei, you mentioned an emergency. What happened?"

"Well, first, check your status titles. Do you have Goddess Sasha's Blessing?"

Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru checked their titles.

"No, we don't."

I guess it's just Mika and me then.

"Today, Haruto and Mika received Goddess Sasha's Blessing. If you defeat evil tribes from now on, you will gain more experience points,

including the blessing. And when you level up, your basic abilities will increase significantly due to the effect of the blessing."

"Burn-san, who is Goddess Sasha? I've never heard of her," Yoshiteru thought, which was understandable.

"That's a natural question. The spirit who has been talked about for a while as 'that person' is Sasha," Burn replied.

What? That person refers to Sasha? He did say that our power will recover significantly soon because "that time is coming soon." Was he referring to the goddess?

"Sensei, does that mean that since a new goddess has been born, there is no need for us to continue our journey?"

Yoshiteru asked.

"No, that's not it. Let me explain. However, if you listen to this story, you might lose sight of the purpose of your journey.

Are you still willing to listen?" Burn warned.

We nodded at each other.

"Yes, please tell us," we said.

"Good. I'll explain everything that's happening in Spheretalia right now. However, after hearing everything, everyone may be left dumbfounded. You may also lose sight of the purpose of your journey," Burn warned.

We listened to Burn and learned everything that was happening in Spheretalia. After hearing everything, we were all left speechless. We

learned about things that we were not aware of, and we realized that we might lose sight of the purpose of our journey.

1. Sasha is a reincarnated person who was almost taken over by an evil god. However, she used her unique skill to defeat the evil god, causing her race to become evil.

2. In the battle of Sphereart, Sasha was secretly supporting the adventurers. The reason why the massive army of evil tribe was mostly diverted to Sphereart was because Sasha secretly defeated the boss-level evil tribe. This indirectly saved the royal capital!

3. During the final match of the Gladiator Weapons Division at the Gardia Empire, evil tribes invaded. However, with the protection of Sasha, Keith, the prince, and Rikka, Sasha's subordinate, defeated hundreds of A-class or higher evil tribes in just a few minutes.

→ Keith and Rikka are definitely stronger than me!

4. When the goddess Sphere met us, she was already suffering from depression, and immediately after we parted ways, she escaped to another different world. Moreover, the perpetrator who instigated her was apparently one of the three people, out of the five who were summoned 500 years ago along with the goddess Saria, that we currently know. And all

three of them are Japanese. One of them is named Ryoichi Suzumi, who was already subjugated by Sasha. I heard what he did, and it was really disgusting. What the hell does he think humans are! I heard about Sasha's subjugation method, which may seem lenient at first, but it continues to extract energy from the person until they die, so Ryoichi himself may understand how the people he turned into zombies felt a little. And just die like that! The other two are named Sae and Isao, who went missing after fighting with the goddess Saria in the past. However, they cannot stay in the same place forever because they are immortal. According to Burn-san, the two high elves we are going to meet are extremely suspicious.

Those three did the worst things. They are a disgrace to Japan! As Burn-san said, the high elves are suspicious.

5. Currently, Sasha is searching for the coordinates of the management world to subjugate the goddess Saria. The clue seems to be a message left by Sphere in a ruin. By the way, even if the Evil King is revived, he can be instantly killed by Sasha. However, if the Evil King is subjugated, he will be incorporated into the reincarnation system immediately and will be resurrected in another form after 50 years. If the coordinates of the management world are known, Sasha plans to immediately go and subjugate the goddess Saria, and destroy the Evil King's exclusive reincarnation system, so she wants us to reseal them and buy her some time.

6. Until now, Sasha has defeated only the Evil Tribe, either directly or indirectly, and because of this, she has class-changed from Evil God to Goddess. Since she can't give blessings as an Evil God, she has given blessings to the hero and the saint as a new goddess.

The mastermind behind this is the members who summoned from another world and the goddess Saria. Moreover, their basic abilities are over 10 million, which only Sasha can subjugate! No wonder Burn-san may lose sight of his goal.

"Burn-san, please don't underestimate us. It's true that we were surprised when we heard the contents. But what we have to do hasn't changed. We'll receive power from all the spirits and after Sasha destroys the reincarnation system, we'll defeat the evil king. We won't burden Sasha alone. If we keep relying on her, she'll end up with depression like the goddess Sphere. I want Sasha to focus on defeating the god race. Right, everyone!"

"That's right. It's frustrating, but we can't defeat the god race with our power. So we have to relieve Sasha's burden as much as possible. We can just defeat the evil king by ourselves."

"Yeah, I don't have any protection like Yoshiteru and Yumi, but I'll show you that I won't be a burden."

"Shinya said it first. Even though Sasha, who can instantly kill the evil king, seems to have become the main character of our journey, what we have to do hasn't changed. We just have to support her. And after we destroy the reincarnation system, we have to fix the parts that

went wrong. If we don't do that, we won't be able to defeat the evil king in the end."

Their feelings were one.

"Hah! Your solidarity is impressive! Besides us, there are five other people with Sasha's protection. Four of them are from the magic kingdom of Demon and should be gathering information to go to the management world."

So far, there were a total of nine people with Sasha's protection.

"Burn-san, has there been any change in the basic ability values since you obtained the protection?"

"Big time! The five people we just talked about initially had the protection of the evil god. As a result, their basic ability values are over 60,000, just like Riffia and me."

"Whaaat? Over 60,000?!"

Wow, if you have the protection, you can go that far.

"What was the Evil King like 500 years ago?"

"I don't know. Riffia, do you know?"

"Well, based on the records, I think it was around 50,000."

"Does that mean I can become that strong if I work hard?"

"In Haruto's case, he has divine protection, so he can easily exceed 100,000."

What?! I can become ten times stronger now!

"Excuse me, Burn-san, can I ask a question?"

"What is it, Yumi?"

"Based on what we've heard, Ryoichi Suzumi's basic ability value is around 15 million. So, what about the Evil God, the goddess Sphere, and Sasha?"

Oh, I was wondering about that too.

"Oh, of course we'd get to that eventually."

"Can you tell us, Burn?"

Why is it difficult to say?

"The Evil God and the goddess Sphere are about 17 million, but we don't know Sasha's. At least, it's over 100 million."

What did he just say?

"Excuse me, Burn-san, could you say that again? Did I mishear? Did you say over 100 million?"

Did Yumi hear the same thing?

"Well, it may be hard to believe, but it's over 100 million."

"100 million!!!"

Wait a minute! Didn't her class-changed from humans to Evil Gods by defeating the Evil God? That means starting from 17 million. How can we exceed 100 million?

"We said the same thing."

"Hehehe, according to Sasha, she exceeded 100 million not only by raising her level but also by doing good deeds for many people."

Oh, the Marco Ruins incident. She certainly did a lot of good deeds by releasing and purifying those who had been trapped for centuries. So that's how she exceeded 100 million, and she can say that we can easily defeat the Evil King.

"I just thought, with Sasha's power, couldn't she give blessings to people all over the world?"

Mika said something outrageous!

"Well, it's possible. However, if we do that, the balance will be upset. It seems that only reliable people can receive blessings. In the case of Haruto and Yoshiteru, they're trusted as a hero and a saint."

I see. I wish Shinya and the others could have blessings too, but we can't trust people we haven't even met.

"This is all we know."

"I was surprised by Sasha's basic ability, but with that, we can leave the extermination of the god tribe to her with peace of mind. We can concentrate on making ourselves stronger by receiving power from the spirits. Burn-san, Riffia-san, please continue to support us!"

At first, we were surprised, but we were able to share the problems that Burn-san and the others were facing, and we were able to increase our sense of solidarity even more.

Chapter 103: Ominous presence

The perspective changes to Yuumi -> Haruto -> Riffia.

Yuumi's perspective:

It's the second night since arriving at the fortress city of Martique, and even though there is no joint training with everyone, I'm doing basic training (magic circulation and manipulation) with Mika in the room. Of course, to not be a bother, I'm using 'Silent'. And finally, the skills of magic circulation and manipulation have reached the max level of 10.

But it's strange, though? It feels like there's more to it than what's displayed, even though it's just a hunch. In reality, Burn-san and Riffia-san are better at magic manipulation than me. Let's practice more and more without relying on the status.

"Mika, my skills of magic circulation and manipulation are now at level 10."

"Huh, that's amazing. I'm still at 8. But why aren't you happy about it?"

"From now on, I think it's better to do basic training properly even if the status skill level reaches 10."

"Huh, why?"

"It's simple. Burn-san and Riffia-san are better at magic manipulation. Maybe there are more than 10 levels that aren't displayed."

"Oh, I see."

Thanks to training, my average basic ability value is finally around

7,000. Attack, defense, and agility are around 5,300, and magic is 12,000. If you only look at magic, it's S-class, but everything else is in the middle of B-class. I still want my own magic. Actually, in secret from everyone, I've been developing two types of magic that I thought could be useful if --

-- enemies appeared. Hehehe, they're finally completed. Magic that only I can use, it sounds nice, doesn't it? However, I suddenly thought that if there were no such enemies, it would be useless to have these treasures. ---- No, it should be okay. After all, "-----" and "-----" have been added to the status. If the explanation is correct, they should be useful.

"Yuumi, have you developed the new type of magic?"

"Yeah, it's completed. The amount of magic consumed is not that large, and I think it can be effectively used."

"By the way, what kind of effect does it have?"

"Well, it has the effect of "----" and "-----" against opponents such as ---- who even Haruto-kun, a hero, can't defeat. I developed two types of magic with those effects."

"That's amazing magic! But were there any evil tribes with such characteristics?"

"If it's a hypothetical situation, there might be an evil tribe that we don't know about."

"That's true. Even if we can cut them with Haruto's holy sword, we might not be able to defeat them. I hope this magic will come in handy when the time comes."

"I'm sure it will. Since the magic itself exists, there must be such evil tribes out there."

Mika is right. Since the magic exists, it wouldn't be surprising if the

evil tribe I imagined actually exists.

"Well, it's close-range combat, but will this be useful for everyone?"

"Yumi is no longer a burden. Let's keep this magic a secret to surprise everyone. It's our trump card!"

T-T-T-T-Tr-ump card! Isn't that a bit of an exaggeration?

Sakuragi Haruto's point of view

I stopped by the library during my walk, but there was no information on the potion of evil intentions. As expected, I have to ask the High Elves. That's currently the most effective way. Hell's training will also resume from today. I heard that there is still a considerable distance to the capital, so I should be able to get stronger before I arrive.

"Shinya, Yoshiteru, it's time to leave and go down."

When I went downstairs, Burn-san and Riffia-san were discussing something with someone. Should I ask Mika and Yumi?

"Mika, did something happen?"

"Yes, I just got here, so I don't really know the details, but something happened in the village to the east. Probably a subjugation or investigation request?"

Oh, the conversation is over. The two came over here.

"It's sudden, but there's an urgent request. There's a peaceful village about 30km east of here."

"Was the village attacked by the evil tribe?"

"Haruto, listen to the end of the story. It was a request to subjugate 30 goblins, but for some reason, five C-ranked adventurers who headed to the village still haven't returned after a week. Three days ago, three B-ranked adventurers were also requested, but they haven't returned either."

"Then, wouldn't other A-rank or S-rank adventurers be good enough?"

"Probably not just ordinary goblins. We were directly requested by the adventurer guild leader because there might be something to it. And if we're going to meet the high elf, it's better to have some significant achievements."

Certainly, with the involvement of the evil tribe, it's better to have some achievements.

"Understood. Shall we go right away?"

"Yeah, first we need to confirm if the village is safe. Let's all go!"

We left the fortress city of Martique and headed towards the village. Of course, with hellish training! Why does my body feel so much better this way? Let's not think too deeply about it.

Since it was about 30km away, we took a break and did a mock battle after two days to get a feel for it before arriving at the village. And then, we saw a surprising sight.

"Hey, Haruto, this is the village with a request to defeat 30 goblins, right?"

"Yeah, that's right."

"That's strange. Why is the village so peaceful? The children are playing normally too."

Yuumi's point was valid. It was too peaceful.

"Master(Sensei), are you sure this is the right village?"

"Yeah, it's the right one. But what's going on? I can't feel the presence of the evil tribe at all."

"Burn, let's just talk to the village chief and hear what happened."

"Yeah, that's a good idea."

While feeling strange about it, we talked to the villagers and found out that all the goblins were defeated by the first group of adventurers who came. Both the first group and the later adventurers returned to the capital city as usual. Thanks to the adventurers, the village is now peaceful.

Wait a minute, this is completely different from what we heard! Actually, I can't feel the presence of the evil tribe at all.

So where did the missing adventurers go? Normally, if a request is successful, adventurers report it to the guild and receive a reward. Even though they were just goblins, with 30 of them, it would still be a significant amount. However, if they haven't returned to the capital city's adventurer guild, it's reasonable to assume that something happened on the way here.

"Yoshiteru, what do you think?"

"I think it's a good idea to trust Haruto's thinking. However, we didn't have any contact with the evil tribe on our way here, and we didn't feel any significant presence. We need more information."

"Yeah, for now, let's ask the village chief."

They arrived at the house they were told by the villager they asked earlier and knocked on the door. An elderly man appeared. Was this the village chief? When they asked him why they came to visit,

"Oh my, Burn-san and Riffia-san of S-Class, and the brave heroes from the Thermia Kingdom, thank you for coming all the way from the capital. However, the 30 goblins have already been defeated, and the adventurers have returned. If they haven't come back yet, something might have happened on the way, don't you think?"

Is that really the case? What will Burn-san decide?

"Village chief, can we stay for just one day to observe the surroundings?"

"Yes, of course. Since you came all this way, we'll provide you with accommodation and dinner."

"Is it alright to have this many people?"

"Yes, it's alright. You'll be patrolling the village, so it's fine."

"I'm sorry."

Haa, the village chief is so kind. However, when they looked around like this, it was really a peaceful village. They said the goblins appeared in the mountain forest.

"Burn-san, what do you want to do? Should we split up and act separately?"

"Yeah. As for the mountain forest, Haruto, Shinya, Yumi, and I will investigate, and Riffia, Yoshiteru, and Mika will patrol the village."

"Got it. If anything happens, I'll contact you with spatial magic."

Riffia's point of view:

After separating from Burn, we strolled around the village, but it was peaceful.

"Riffia-san, there really seems to be nothing here. Maybe something happened on the way back to the capital?"

"I'm confused too. We didn't feel any presence of the evil tribe until we got here. If there was something on the way back to the capital, there should be some kind of trace. If there's nothing, I think something happened in this village. However, the village itself is peaceful."

"Well, I can understand your confusion."

"I have a hunch that there's something about this village."

"What? This village?"

"As soon as we arrived at the village, I felt an unpleasant gaze for a moment. But now, I don't feel anything at all."

"What! Yoshiteru, did you feel it?"

"No, I didn't feel anything at all."

"There's more to it. Others besides Burn felt the same gaze. It was Yumi."

"Eh, Yumi?"

"She understands that she's the weakest member of the team, so she works harder than anyone else. Her basic skills such as magic circulation, magic manipulation, and sense detection are at level 10."

"Even I'm only at level 6."

"Yumi may have already noticed, but although level 10 is the maximum on our status for skill levels, there are still levels beyond that. Since we received Sasha's protection, it's become easier for us to increase our skill levels. Even when you

reach level 10, keep training so that you can improve your magic manipulation skills. Oh, I've gotten off-topic. Anyway, the gaze we felt for a moment seemed to scan all of us before disappearing."

I wonder who that gaze belonged to. It wasn't from the evil tribe, that's for sure. I couldn't sense any presence.

"Was it the adventurer who gave us that gaze?"

"We still don't know. Burn should be patrolling the forest to find out the identity of the gaze. It would be good if we could find any clues."

Currently, there doesn't seem to be anything abnormal about the village. We don't know who the owner of that gaze was...yet.

We know something unusual is going on, with the strange gaze we felt, the missing adventurers, and the peaceful village.

We need some clues to figure out what's happening.

Chapter 104: Trap Lurking in Dinner

Hakuto Sakuragi's Point of View

We thoroughly searched the forest where 30 goblins appeared, but found nothing unusual. It's also concerning that only Burn-san, Riffia-san, and Yumi noticed a strange gaze.

"Sensei, there's nothing unusual in the forest. Should we assume that something happened in the village or on the way to the capital?"

"There's nothing unusual in the forest, but it's too abnormal. Normally, we should encounter other evil tribes besides goblins, but there's no sign of them in the vicinity. I've seen many countries before, and I always encounter several evil tribes a day on the way. It's worrisome that we haven't seen any today."

Certainly, we haven't encountered any evil tribes today. We should consider that someone has already defeated them if they're not around here.

"Burn-san, should we head back for now?"

"Yeah, there's nothing left for us here."

When we returned to the village and reported that everything was normal to the village chief, Riffia-san and the others returned.

"Nothing unusual here, Burn."

"Same here. I'm just concerned that we haven't encountered any evil tribes or felt their presence in the vicinity. Something feels off."

Perhaps it's Burn-san's intuition. Indeed, I observed the villagers

earlier, and some of them seemed different from the people I've met before.

"Burn-san, I thought of something when I saw the villagers earlier."

"What is it, Haruto?"

"There were a few people among the villagers I've met before who had a pale complexion. I felt a strange sense of discomfort from them. I can't say for sure since I didn't use 'Seishin Ittou' (mental focus) but it felt like there was something else inside their bodies."

"Ah, I see. Something else. Excellent! We've been so focused on the evil tribe that we haven't paid much attention to the villagers' details."

"Hmm, I was also distracted by your gaze and overlooked it. Haru, you noticed well."

Oh, I'm praised!

"Certainly, I also saw a few people with a bad complexion here. I was also distracted by the gaze, and I only paid attention to that direction."

Mika also noticed it.

"Some of the villagers with a bad complexion and strange looks. For now, let's stay here and see what happens."

"Yes!"

Until dinner time, they were free to do as they pleased, but they had nothing to do. Since they were on a mission, they couldn't even have a mock battle. Then, why not practice "Mental Concentration"? Oh, that tree looks sturdy. It seems safe to climb.

"Alright, if I climb this far, it should be fine."

First, close your eyes and concentrate your mind. Phew, that's good. In Mental Concentration, it's important to discard distractions and focus on the opponent. Burn-san is over there. If I were to fight him seriously now, would I have a chance of winning?

"Uh-huh, I knew it, but a 0% chance of winning? The scene of being repelled no matter what method I used flashed back.

However, the more I concentrate on this Mental Concentration, the more I should be able to discern the opponent's true nature and provide precise guidance on how to defeat them. The problem is, how can I concentrate even more than I am now? In situations like this, I need to cut off my presence and clear my mind, but I think it's called "Muso" in words. Even now, I might be distracted by thinking like this. Let's try to expand our awareness and clear our minds more than when we acquired Mental Concentration at that time. Just concentrate on expanding it, ignoring anything you feel."

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Once it was time for dinner, they returned to the house prepared by the village chief.

"Haruto, what's wrong? You look deep in thought."

"Well, yeah. While I was doing my mental training with my eyes closed, I sensed a strange presence."

"A strange presence?"

"When I found it, I opened my eyes and looked in that direction, and the pale-faced villagers were just chatting normally.

The feeling had disappeared. So, when I closed my eyes and searched again, I felt the strange presence again. And I felt it from the pale-

faced villagers."

"Hey, Haru, did you try to investigate the presence more deeply?"

"Yes, but no matter how much I concentrated, I couldn't understand the contents of the presence. My impression was that I sensed it and searched, but it was empty inside. I think it's just because I'm lacking concentration, even though my mental training is activated."

Honestly, I don't know what to call that presence. It's different from the evil tribe, elves, and humans. In the case of the evil tribe, it feels like a dark lump, but I don't feel anything from this presence. Yes, it's contradictory. I can sense the presence, but it's empty inside.

"Hmm, a presence felt from the villagers, and when investigated, it's empty."

"I've never heard of anything like this before. Even if the evil tribe takes over the villagers, there's no benefit, so what's happening in this village? This strange feeling is the first time for me."

Even Burn-san and Riffia-san don't know everything.

Knock, knock

When I opened the front door, the village chief and the others brought dinner.

"Thank you for patrolling today. Since it's a small village, we couldn't prepare a luxurious meal, but we've prepared dinner for you. We'll put it on the table for you."

Um, Village Chief, this is really luxurious. I just took a quick look around the area, and is it really okay to have this much? The smell of delicious food is drifting in. Elves mainly cook vegetable dishes, such as salads, mixed dishes, and tempura. Huh? Is this fried chicken?

"Village Chief, is this fried chicken?"

"Did you already know? I heard it was popular in the Thermia Kingdom, so I made it. I got the recipe from an acquaintance, so I think it'll suit your taste."

"Ohhhh, Village Chief, thank you very much!!"

Mika and Yuumi, their eyes sparkling, said in unison. They had been buying ingredients in Martique, but hadn't fried anything, so they were quite hungry. They boasted, "Vegetable tempura is good, but fried meat is still the best."

Well then, let's dig in!

Oh, everyone's food is delicious. The fried chicken is also seasoned well. This soup is light and good. Especially this jet-black fruit, it was so black that I hesitated at first, but I took the plunge and ate it, and despite its appearance, it was delicious.

"Huh? Shinya, Yoshiteru, Yuumi, aren't you going to eat that fruit?"

"It's actually pretty good."

Mika had also tried it.

"The appearance is a bit strange though."

"Okay, I'll eat Yuumi's share too, it's bad to leave it behind."

"Shinya-kun, are you sure? Thank you!"

"I have no choice, I'll eat some too."

Shinya and Yoshiteru ate it with determination. Were they that reluctant?

"Ugh, guuuuh~"

"Huh? Shinya-kun, Yoshiteru-kun too!"

"Gwaaar"

"Gaaaah!"

"Hey hey, what's going on here?"

"This is bad! The magic balance in Shinya and Yoshiki's bodies is starting to go out of whack! If we don't do something, they'll both die!"

What?! Hold on a second. Mika, Burn, Riffia-san, and I ate the same thing and we're fine.

"I'm Yoshiki. Mika, cast the recovery magic 'Max Heal' on Shinya! Hurry!"

"Y-Yes!"

"Yumi, you stay with Burn and Haruto."

"Y-Yes!"

Hey, what about me?

"Haruto, calm down! We'll leave this to them. We can use recovery magic, but that's it. We have no specialized knowledge."

"If Shinya hadn't knocked me down, I would've..."

"Right, you would have. Haruto, prepare yourself mentally."

Got it!

"I understand. I don't want to let Shinya and Yoshiteru die. We will find a cure."

Shinya, Yoshiteru, please hold on a little longer. I'll definitely save you.

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Viewpoint of Mika Shimazaki:

What's going on? Shinya's magic is going wild inside his body. Even when I cast Max Heal, it only calms down a bit, and there's no sign of it getting better. If I stop the magic, it starts going wild again, so I have to keep casting it.

"Riffia-san, even when I cast Max Heal, it only calms down a bit. It's like his magic is trying to come out of his body."

"Same here. Mika, cast the status recovery magic 'Dispel' at the same time. That should calm him down. But be careful, if you let your guard down even a little, it'll start going wild again."

"Understood."

Phew, when I cast Dispel, it finally calmed down. But what can I do to cure him? I searched inside Shinya's body, but I can't find anything wrong. I don't know how to deal with this. And Shinya's life force is

slowly weakening. He'll die in about an hour if we don't do something.

"Ugh, this is more troublesome than I expected. I can't find anything wrong."

"Same here, Riffia-san. At this rate..."

Looking at Haruto, I can tell he's closing his eyes and focusing. He's preparing his mind for the task ahead. While Haruto searches for an answer, I'll do my best to suppress whatever is inside of Shinya. When I look at Riffia-san, she nods. We share the same thought.

Haruto, please! Find a way to cure Shinya and Yoshiteru!

Chapter 105: Unknown enemy

○○○ Haruto Sakuragi's perspective

Don't panic. Before reaching a mental state of concentration, let's calm down and think. Shinya and Yoshiteru fell into an unknown illness after eating that pitch-black fruit. But there is nothing abnormal with me, Mika, Burn-san, and Riffia-san.

What's the difference? Strength? No, it's the divine protection!

The four of us have the divine protection of the goddess Sasha. Sasha's basic ability value is over 100 million, and with her divine protection, any curse can be nullified. First, let's investigate the true identity of the black fruit. That is our enemy! I feel like I saw the second stage of concentration during our training earlier. Without thinking about anything, just keep going deeper and deeper into the black fruit in a state of no thoughts, even if you get the answer.

---Got it!

The black fruit is called Toiferberry. The outer layer is a poison called Mind Eater, and there is something inside the center of the fruit that controls the Mind Eater. When you eat it, your mind is gradually weakened by the Mind Eater.

After weakening to a certain extent, the something takes over the body and eats the mind, absorbing all of the host's abilities and completely integrating with the body. Until integration is complete, defeating the something is almost impossible. Also, before the body is taken over, even if defeating it is impossible, using the holy magic "Grudge Purify"

can easily expel the Evil Berry. Even if Toiferberry is crushed without being eaten, it won't lead to a defeat and it will grow back from some tree. There are two ways to completely defeat Toiferberry. The first is to kill the host after it integrates with a regular person who has eaten it. The second is to have the title "Goddess Sasha's Divine Protection,"

which can defeat it just by eating it. The defense function of the divine protection is activated and it is defeated inside the body.

This is the answer I saw during my concentration.

Defeating Toiferberry is equivalent to killing Shinya and Yoshiteru. There is no way we can make such a choice. The priority is to expel it from Shinya and Yoshiteru's bodies!

"Riffia-san, Mika, we found a treatment method! However, this is not a subjugation, but just to expel the black seed inside both of your bodies. Since we don't know how it will come out, please be careful during the treatment. The treatment method is the Holy Magic 'Grudge Purify'."

"Haru, tell us the details later. Let's go, Mika!"

"Yes!"

"Grudge Purify!"

Shinya and Yoshiteru's bodies began to emit light. Then, it was revealed that something black was wriggling and spreading throughout their bodies, causing them to suffer. After a while, the black substance gathered at the base of their spines, and when it all came together, their bodies suddenly expelled the substance and it melted away on the floor.

"The magical rampage has subsided. It seems everything is okay now."

"Haruto, what is that black substance?"

"It's called Toifelberry. It has something in the center of the seed that controls a toxic substance called Mind Eater, which reduces a person's mental capacity and takes over their body. After taking over the body, it eats away at the person's mind to absorb all their abilities, completely integrating with the body. That something can only be physically manifested after integrating with the body, making it

possible to subjugate it. This time, we only removed it from their bodies, and the expelled Toifelberry will likely take root in some other tree."

"Toifelberry? I've never heard of it before. There shouldn't be anything dangerous like that in the Sylphiel Kingdom.

There must be some involvement from the Evil Tribe."

Even Riffia, who has lived for a long time, has never heard of Toifelberry?

"Hey, Haru, what is this 'something'? Is it from the Evil Tribe?"

"That's the thing, Burn-san. No matter how much we researched, we couldn't find out the true identity of that 'something.'

I don't think it's from the Evil Tribe, at least."

If it were from the Evil Tribe, the skill would have told us so.

"That's right. If it were from the Evil Tribe, it wouldn't be called 'something.'"

"Riffia-san, are Shinya and Yoshiteru okay?"

"Yumi, it's okay. Both of you have been fighting against the black things, and your minds are worn out, but if you rest like this, you'll recover by tomorrow."

"That's good~"

"Yumi, be sure to thank Shinya!"

"Okay."

Although things had settled down somehow, nothing essential had

been resolved. Yes, it was the people in this village.

Toyfelberry was in the food they brought.

"Burn-san, some of the village elves have already been taken over. If we're not careful, everyone will be---"

"Ah, it's possible. Haru, do we have to kill the unified body to subjugate 'something'?"

No, there's another way. If I say this, Riffia-san and Mika will hate it~

"There are two ways to subjugate Toyfelberry. If a normal person eats Toyfelberry, they can only be subjugated after unifying with it. The other way is to-----"

"What's wrong, Haru? It seems difficult to say."

I looked at Riffia-san and Mika. Riffia-san seemed to understand what I wanted to say.

"That's a lie, right? You don't mean to say 'Sasha's Blessing,' do you?"

"Eh, eh hh!"

Mika noticed it too.

"Yes, those who have 'Goddess Sasha's Blessing' can be subjugated just by eating it."

"Kukuku, you're doing it. Riffia, Mika, let's eat it."

"That's not funny! How can we eat that dark, wriggling thing we saw during treatment!"

"Riffia is right!"

Well, of course, they would resist.

"Oh, then it means it's okay for other elves to die."

Burn-san, if you say that---

"Ugh!"

"Sorry, we have no choice but to eat to defeat them."

"In a way, it's a good thing we don't have any protection."

"Yumi, that's not fair~. Help us~"

"In my case, I can't help because I don't have any protection. Sorry."

"You're so heartless~"

After carrying Shinya and Yoshiteru, there's no other choice but to eat the Toifelberry with four people.

"Well, let's put off eating for later. If we are integrated, it would be the worst to kill all the villagers."

"Wait a minute, Burn! I want to be able to judge whether or not we've been taken over, not just Haruto. Don't do it now."

"Of course. What I said earlier was the final measure in case all the villagers were integrated. The problem is what to do now."

Yes, that's the problem. Presumably, the adventurers had their bodies taken over and integrated by eating the Toifelberry.

That's why they didn't return to the capital. If it weren't for Sasha's protection, we would have been killed too.

As a behavioral pattern:

1. Act as if nothing happened.
2. Pretend that we've all died and become that "something."
3. Claim an urgent matter and split into two groups for separate actions.

2 and 3 are not an option. It's easy to see through the act if they don't know what that "something" is. If split into two groups, the members who stay in the village are too risky.

"Burn-san, let's cast 'Grudge Purify' on the food after eating the Toifelberry. I think it's the safest to act as if nothing happened."

"Haruto's right. We can't take any rash actions as we don't know how many villagers have eaten the Toifelberry. We have too little information right now. We need to confirm how many villagers have been taken over and integrated tomorrow."

As Burn said that, he quietly stared at the Toifelberry.

"Alright, let's eat the rest of our dinner."

"Everyone, we've left it to Toifelberry. I don't have much of an appetite because of Shinya-kun and Yoshiteru-kun, but I'll have some fried chicken and tempura."

"Yuumi, that's not fair! Toifelberry said she would eat with us! "

As soon as you found out that Shinya and Yoshiteru were safe, you just care about food? Isn't that heartless? Normally, wouldn't it be "I've lost my appetite, I'll take care of the two of them"?

Why is it that you only have an appetite for fried food? Is this also because of Shimizu's home cooking influence? Ugh, I guess I'll have to prepare myself and eat too!

"Mika, let's eat Toifelberry first."

"Uh! Okay. We can think of the feast waiting for us afterwards."

"Riffia, prepare yourself like Mika."

"Where does their passion for fried food come from? Okay, I'll eat it!"

Riffia seems to be getting desperate.

In the end, we reluctantly ate Toifelberry after carrying Shinya and Yoshiteru. It tasted like a mix of deliciousness and fear. Afterward, we cast the Holy Magic spell "Grudge Purify" on all the dishes just to be safe, and we finished all the food. It was tough without Shinya and Yoshiteru.

After we finished dinner, the village chief came to visit.

"Did everyone enjoy their meal? Oh, where are the two of them? What happened?"

Should I tell him the reason?

"It's okay. The food was so delicious that we ate too much. We fell asleep in our room. Thank you for the dinner."

"It was the best fried chicken and tempura we've ever had!!!"

"We're glad you enjoyed it so much. Please rest well tonight."

"Village chief, is that black fruit a local specialty here?"

I decided to ask boldly. It should be okay since it doesn't seem suspicious.

"It's a new species that we've recently started cultivating. I haven't tried it myself since it looks unappetizing, but some people who have eaten it said it was delicious, so I decided to serve it."

"When dealing with a new species, it's best to check if it's safe with magic just in case. Some may develop poison after two weeks. I'm an expert in that field, so shall I check it tomorrow?"

"What! Is that so? Alright, please do. I apologize for serving something outrageous. I'll gather some black fruits and look for the ones that we ate."

The village chief and others lifted their dinner plates and left, showing no signs of being taken over by "something"

despite their gentle demeanor. They were all kind people. Tomorrow, they needed to check everyone in the village for

"mental synchronization."

"That village chief should be fine for now. I didn't sense any suspicious signs," said Haru. "Haru, that was a good way of putting it. It won't raise any suspicion," said another person.

"It looks like we'll be busy starting tomorrow."

"Um, I'll take care of Shinya and Yoshiteru. Haru, please rest," said Yumi. "Yumi, are you sure?"

"Yes, since tomorrow we'll be using Haru's 'mental synchronization' a

lot."

"Mika, can I ask you for a favor?"

"Sure."

Yumi and Mika were left in charge of taking care of Shinya and Yoshiteru.

"Anyway, I can't believe that the Toifelberry only exists in this village," said one person. "Yeah, as long as it hasn't spread to the capital."

"Tomorrow, we'll check the villagers and look for ways to defeat whatever's inside the Toifelberry."

"Yeah. I suddenly thought, if there were a lot of Toifelberries in the capital, the four of us would have to eat them," said another.

"Oh no! That would be inevitable. Thinking about the taste and that thing wriggling in our bodies, I feel nauseous."

Riffia seemed to be thinking the same thing as me as her face turned pale.

Chapter 106: Is hero an existence lower than a dog?

Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

Burn-san and I slept in the living room just in case something happened, but nothing did happen in the end. The next morning, Shinya, Yoshiteru, and Yumi came downstairs.

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Shinya and Yumi seem strange. It's like they're oddly distant from each other, and clearly aware of each other, you know?

"Shinya, Yoshiteru, are you feeling okay?"

"Uh, yeah, I'm fine. Sorry for the trouble."

I know Shinya is okay, but why does Yoshiteru have dark circles under his eyes?

"Yoshiteru still seems off. Is there still some lingering effect?"

"As soon as I woke up, I heard the situation from Yumi. Thanks to Riffia-san and Mika, there's no problem with my health. The dark circles under my eyes are from something else. Haruto, come over here for a sec."

What's up? The two of us went outside where no one was around, and Yoshiteru started talking.

"Haruto probably noticed it too, but the dark circles under my eyes are caused by Shinya and Yumi."

"Could it be that the incident was the catalyst for them becoming a couple?"

"No, it hasn't gone that far. We're just aware of each other. I can tell from my perspective."

"I see."

"I woke up last night and looked to the side, and Yumi was apologizing to Shinya. Shinya also said something like 'If Yumi is okay, that's all that matters.' After that, they completely forgot about my presence and started talking about everything that had happened so far, creating a sweet atmosphere just between the two of them. Honestly, it wasn't the kind of atmosphere where I could have woken up and broken it up. I don't know for sure since I didn't see them directly, but I feel like Yumi was also crying. In the end, I had to

endure it. I didn't get to sleep until near morning. Phew, yesterday evening was torture for me. I feel a little better after talking to you about it, Haruto."

"Well, that's, um, unfortunate."

Hey, there was an incident like that? That's a topic that Mika would like. From my perspective, Shinya and Yumi are a good couple.

"Well, I hope they become a couple just like that."

"At this point, it's hard to say. They've only just started to be aware of each other. What about you, Haruto? Did you eat the Toifelberry?"

"Ah, there's no problem with that. With Sasha's protection, we should be able to subjugate them. However, it's depressing to think that we, who have Sasha's protection, must eat and defeat all of Toifelberry to completely subjugate them."

Yes, today we are worried about how much Toifelberry the village chief will gather for us.

"Is it that disgusting?"

"No, the taste is good. But when I was treating Shinya and Yoshiteru, my body became a little transparent, and the black things inside were squirming, so I can't help but associate it with that."

"---In a sense, it's good that we don't have protection."

"Yuumi said the same thing as Yoshiteru."

When we returned to the living room of the house, everyone was gathered around the table, staring at the box on top of it.

What? Riffia and Mika turned pale and their mouths twitched. Could it be...

"I don't think so, but the contents of that box aren't all Toifelberry, are they?"

Please deny it!

"Haru, you're sharp. They're all Toifelberry. Isn't it about 3kg?"

Geez! This is the worst. I quickly checked the contents of the box and found that it was filled with pitch-black Toifelberry.

Why is Burn-san so calm?

"I don't think so, but are you going to eat all of this?"

"Of course. If we divide it into fourths, it should be fine."

Are you kidding me?

" 'It's good that we don't have protection.' "

"Everyone, including Shinya, Yoshiteru, and Yuumi, says the same thing."

"I know Shinya's insides and the squirming black thing. I definitely don't want to eat it."

"I'm sorry, Haru. Yuumi told me everything. Just imagining it makes me sick. Since we don't have protection, we leave all the Toifelberry to you."

Yuumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru are completely reliant on others. Well, that's because we don't have protection.

"That's right! Burn, let's put it in the item box. We have to study it. Give it to the researchers in the royal capital---"

"Riffia, it's useless. I appraised it earlier, and while I know its name, its effect is unknown. There's no way to use it for research. We have to eat it."

"That's just..."

I reluctantly put about ten items in my inventory, and divided the rest into quarters and forced myself to eat them. It took me about 20 minutes to finish, but it felt like over an hour to me. Riffia and Mika were crying while they ate, and then they became expressionless and ate silently, which was scary. I also became desperate and ate them all at once. Only Burn-san was eating with a calm face and chatting with Shinya and the others.

Burn-san, I respect you for being able to eat that so easily.

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Phew, I managed to eat the Devilberry, but now I have to check the villagers. Depending on the situation, it might turn into a battle. I have to be prepared, but while I'm fine, Riffia and Mika look like they're about to throw up. Burn-san is the only one who's fine.

"Well, let's go to the village chief's house and explain the situation. Haru, make sure to mentally prepare yourself before we go inside."

"Yes!"

"Burn, I'll be in the back, recovering my condition."

"I'll be back there too."

Riffia and Mika are on the verge of passing out. They must have a physiological aversion to Devilberries.

We arrived at the village chief's house and explained yesterday's

events to him alone. We had already confirmed that the village chief was clean through mental preparation. As he listened to our story, his face grew pale.

"D-Devilberries... I can't believe such a terrifying fruit exists..."

"Village chief, we plan to check each villager individually. If they have been taken over by Devilberries and are already dead, we will need to defeat them to get rid of the Devilberry. Is that okay with you?"

"I have no other choice. What will happen if they have been possessed?"

Yes, that's the thing. When we saw it yesterday, if someone had been possessed, they could have been cured with "Grudge Purify," but it won't be that easy. They'll probably go berserk. In that case, there's a possibility it could turn into a battle.

"Ah, then maybe my magic could do something about it."

What, with Yumi's magic?

"Yumi, do you have any ideas?"

"Yes, if we use the two new spells I developed, 'Divide' and 'Grouping', it should work. I've been working on developing them for a long time, taking inspiration from online novels and thinking that there might be such an evil tribe. 'Divide' is a spell that separates the evil tribe that has entered a person, covering only the part of the person's body with 'Magic Cladding' and 'Magic Manipulation', and pushing the evil tribe that is not covered outside. Next, if the evil tribe in front of us is a clone and the main body is in a distant land, no matter how much we fight, we can't win. However, even if it is a clone, it should always be connected to the main body with evil power. That's where 'Grouping' comes in handy. It has the effect of calling the main body to us from

the clone and integrating it with the clone as a starting point."

Hey, this is exactly the kind of magic that could help us in our current situation!

"Yumi, that's amazing! With those two spells, we can save those who have been taken over."

Riffia-san is right. You predicted this situation and developed the spells beforehand.

Oh, that's right!

If we drive out the one who has been taken over and group them, we don't know what form they will take. Moreover, if we destroy this house and rush into battle, there is a high possibility that the number of villagers will exceed 100. If we fight one by one, we won't be able to withstand it physically. In that case, if we stick the Holy Sword out in advance and group it together at the location of the Holy Sword, we might be able to defeat it at the moment of materialization. I couldn't see it in my spiritual state, but I think it's probably possible.

I told Burn-san about this idea.

"Ahahaha, that's great! Then it will be defeated in an instant!"

"Haruto-kun, you come up with such good ideas."

"Haruto, you thought, 'I don't want to bother fighting, so can't we defeat it with this?'"

"Ah,ahaha, that's right," I said, just as Mika had said. In other words, it's really troublesome! Okay, the method of defeat is good, but there's one thing that bothers me. Why didn't they tell us about it in the first place?"

"What's wrong, Haru?"

"Well, it's bothering me a bit that she didn't teach me with a clear mind."

"That's true. Yumi's magic was probably just developed recently. Besides, her way of thinking is not from Spheretalia, but from another world. Even if the system of the management world itself has been updated, maybe the spirit integration itself hasn't caught up yet."

I see, that's possible. I myself still can't handle it perfectly.

"Village chief, please bring everyone in the village under the pretext of a health check. They won't suspect anything if you put it that way."

"Yes, understood."

With Burn-san's words to the village chief, today's work began. However, despite being an elf, not everyone is an expert in magic. Like humans, there are some who can use magic and some who can't.

"Sorry, Haruto. This time, I and Shinya won't be able to help."

"Yeah, I talked to Yoshiteru about it, but the only way we can be useful is when we defeat the integrated one."

"Don't worry about it. This case is just special. I'll enter the 'spirit integration' mode."

Now, let's enter the 'thoughtless mode' of the spirit integration.

After examining 10 villagers, someone possessed by the enemy appeared. Their complexion was also quite bad.

"Hmm, there's a strong poison sleeping inside of you. Probably, it will awaken in a few more days and spread throughout your whole body. I'll perform treatment now."

The villager appeared to be a man in his thirties. Alright, if I focus on the method of subjugation, I can defeat him my way!

"Huh, poison?"

"Yes, please stay still."

"Haruto-kun, it's okay, we can do this!"

I thrust my holy sword into the ground.

"Yumi, the core of Toifelberry should be inside their body, right? Please group it together and pierce it with the holy sword."

"Understood."

"Huh, Hero-sama! What are you going to do with the sword?"

"Don't worry. It's a very strong poison, so we'll just separate it and purify it with the holy sword."

Upon hearing that, the villagers seemed relieved.

"Divide"-----"Group"

The moment the spell was cast, a black, wriggling thing emerged from the villager and gathered around the Holy Sword, becoming a suspicious, large shadow-like entity, just like the shady shadows in the old RPG game Drgon Qust III.

"Huh, huh huh, ahahaha, thank you, Hero! I can manifest in this world

now!----Gyaaaaah, why is the Holy Sword sticking into my core body~~~"

"You came and impaled yourself."

"T-t-t-that's preposterous! I thought I could rampage in this world~~
You fool, Hero~~~"

The Holy Sword must have pierced the core of "something." The entity disappeared without much fuss. I wonder how strong it was if we fought it in reality?

After examining all the villagers, 15 were taken over and 3 were integrated. The resistance of the elves was stronger than expected. Should we be grateful that only three people were integrated? Even the people who were taken over were in bad shape, and barely hanging on.

The "something" that was divided was also happy to manifest itself, and there were even fools who didn't notice that the Holy Sword was sticking into them and gradually disappearing. Just before it disappeared,

"We did it~~~! We finally manifested~~~! Finally, thiiiiis,----"

"Hero~~ Coward~~Fight me~~~"

"Hmph, winning without fighting,-----you truly are a hero."

"You are the worst hero! Are you happy with this kind of victory?! You shameless bastard! If you're so frustrated, try to beat us with your strength! You damn hero!"

"Hero~, your spirit is worse than that of a dog. You have only used such cowardly means to defeat us~~~"

They hurled all sorts of verbal abuse at me. I'm sorry! Even I

wondered if this kind of victory was acceptable!

"Hey, Haruto, they say Shunya is worse than a dog."

"Haruto-kun, they're saying terrible things about you. Well, I guess it can't be helped since it's not a fair fight."

"Master, is this kind of victory allowed?"

"Well, as long as you win, that's all that matters! It's fine to be worse than a dog if you win! Don't worry about it, Haruto."

Worse than a dog?

"Oh my~ Haruto has been labeled as the lowest among the heroes~"

Everyone, you're not being supportive at all. Why do I have to be treated as a coward? I mean, can you fight continuously with 15 monsters?!

Well, I didn't expect to be insulted without distinction of friend or foe like this, but the takeover by those who did this is now over.

Finally, it's time for the real battle against the fully integrated [something]!

Chapter 107: What is [something] ?

Haruto Sakuragi's POV :

I feel mentally exhausted after being called names by both allies and enemies.

"Haruto-kun, who is lower than a dog, congratulations on defeating the invader."

"Yuumi, spare me. The 'lower than a dog' part really gets to me."

"Well, good job. Haruto-kun, the coward."

"Shinya, stop calling him a coward. We decided on this plan because there are so many invaders, but I never thought we'd be insulted like that."

"Haruto is using cowardly tactics to defeat them. I don't blame them for saying that."

"Mika, too!"

"Hehe, I only said that because I was desperate. I never thought that 'something' would manifest and be defeated instantly.

Don't worry about it."

Even Riffia, my ally.

"Well then, that's enough playtime. We're now facing a battle with the three 'somethings' that have merged into one. The invaders' manifestations were like suspicious shadows, and they probably became incomplete forms because they were forced to materialize. Fortunately, the three people were using 'Silent', so they probably haven't noticed that 15

'somethings' have been defeated. However, Haruto is probably aware that he is a hero. We need to be more vigilant from now on."

"Yes sir!"

After casting healing magic on the 15 people who were taken over and restoring their health, except for the three villagers who merged, everyone gathered to hear the true identity of the black fruit this time. Although they gave jobs to the three people, they probably noticed our movements. When I followed their presence, I found that they were walking towards an open plain. It seems like they have also noticed the situation and are planning to fight me.

The elves were all surprised. Especially those who had been taken over, it seemed that they had been having nightmares every night and couldn't move their bodies. It seemed that they were being chased by the cause of those nightmares every day. The 15 of them were grateful to me. As for the three who had been integrated, they seemed not to be suspicious because they were acting normally. When I told two male elves and one female elf that we would defeat the "something"

that had integrated with their parents, they broke down in tears.

"Brave hero, please defeat the evil tribe that has taken over my son. Please avenge him. He was going to get married soon, but now he's going to die with his lover as they merge together----"

I see, two of the three were lovers.

"Please also help me. Please avenge my precious daughter! Uu----uuu"

"---I understand! I will definitely avenge the three of them."

And so, the seven of us headed to defeat the "something" that was waiting for us in the plain.

"Burn-san, we still don't know what the 'something' is. We might have to charge in without knowing."

"Well, Haruto killed the one who took over him without question. We can ask the other three we're going to fight next."

Ahaha, without question, huh.

"Everyone, be careful. There are three enemies with unknown identities and abilities. The only thing we can say is that if we destroy the core, we can defeat them. However, for those who have been taken over, we easily defeated them by grouping the core parts together with the holy sword, but it won't be so easy this time. Don't

let your guard down."

Everyone nodded at once.

When we arrived where the three were, they looked down on us from the sky with great pomp.

"It's amazing that we were able to meet the brave hero so soon after merging. Thank you to the gods of this world."

"Kyahaha, that's right. This brave hero seems like a dull child. How should we bully him?"

"---The brave hero is a being that should die."

These guys are enjoying themselves.

"What are you guys? Evil tribe?"

"Kyahaha, that's right! All the evil tribes in this world are low level. Weak, weak."

"What are you...? We were called by the people of this world and came here."

"To annihilate humans."

Hey, what's going on? They were called by someone in this world? From the way they said it, it seems they came from another world.

"Are you guys evil tribes from another world?"

"Kyahaha, no, no. Don't lump us together with those low-level creatures! If we use the language of the hero's world,

'demons' would be more accurate, right?"

Wait a minute, demons? Shinya objected to this.

"Wait a minute! While there is certainly a word 'demon' in our world, it doesn't exist in reality!"

"In your world, magic itself doesn't exist fundamentally, so demons can't exist either. The Earth's administrators fear us and have made sure that demons can never enter. Well, as a result of specializing in scientific civilization, you'll walk the path of destruction without us having to do anything soon enough."

Hey, don't just say whatever you want. Although we're facing various problems on Earth right now, we're facing them squarely.

"That's just superficial. Deforestation and resource exploitation haven't changed much in the past 50 years. The issue of global warming is also being discussed on TV, but it's a tiny change in terms of the whole earth to have only slightly reduced carbon dioxide emissions. Who's facing the problem? Well, isn't Europe better than Japan in that regard?"

They speak so vividly. They've been observing Earth even though they haven't manifested themselves?

"Each country has its own problems with laws and such. If we can solve that, Japan can be improved more than it is now."

Anyway, the conversation is getting off track. And those 15 they've defeated seem to be different from them in some way.

"Hey, back to the point. We've already defeated 15 of your brethren. However, there seems to be a difference between you and the 15 we've defeated."

"I have the power to defeat low-level demons, hehehe. Demons also have ranks, you know? We are mid-level demons. It looks like we're going to have some fun this time."

It's surprising that demons actually exist, but they seem strangely human-like. What are they fundamentally made of?

"Hey, what is your purpose? You were summoned to this world just to receive orders, right? If possible, I want you to ignore those orders and go back to your original world."

It's a futile wish, but let me say it anyway.

"Hehehe, too bad. Our purpose is to defeat all the heroes from different worlds. We have no other purpose but to exterminate the heroes. So, your comrades can go back home if they want to."

Wait, their purpose is to exterminate all the heroes from different worlds?

"Hey, you demons, can I ask something too? You guys seem strangely human-like. What are you made of?"

It seems like even Burn is curious about that.

"You humans always ask the same question over and over again. Well, whatever. You humans, or rather the Evil tribe here, thought that this world was unreasonable when they invaded it, and they were scared by the overwhelming strength of the invading forces. So, they summoned heroes. In every different world, the hero always defeats the Demon King."

Well, that's normal, isn't it?

"After the Demon King is defeated in every world, the demons are persecuted by many races. And then, the desire to defeat the heroes or those who possess their blood grows. That desire created the race of demons in every world. So, our fundamental purpose is to exterminate

the heroes or those who possess their blood. We don't know the situation of the world that was summoned. We won't forgive anyone who stands in our way, even if they are from this world's evil tribe.

Well, even so, we were born in the interdimensional space. We can't do anything unless we are summoned from the other world. So, we are always observing and waiting to be summoned."

Hey, that's a complete stalemate. The hero and the Demon King are opposing forces. The demons have to completely eradicate the evil tribe in this world, or find a way to reconcile with them!

"I see. By the way, have you defeated any heroes so far?"

"There are many. In fact, there are too many to count. However, if we defeat the hero, we will achieve our goal and be sent back to the interdimensional space. So some of us intentionally do not defeat the hero and wait for them to be summoned again. Others get bored after spending a few hundred years in this world and summon a hero themselves to kill them."

So the only way for these guys to return is by killing the hero!

"Hahaha, by the way, we're the kind of demons who want to hear the hero's dying screams. Sorry to the other demons, but could you let us hear your screams?"

This is no joke.

"Oh, one last question. How many demons were summoned to Spheretalia this time?"

"Hahaha, who knows. The one we summoned this time is a god, so there might be countless demons."

This is the worst. Is that Goddess Saria or the Japanese summoner Ryoichi Suzumi? Regardless, they have caused a lot of trouble.

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At that moment, a spell was cast by the female demon. What was that?

"Hahaha, don't worry. I just put up a barrier around us so that nobody can disturb us. It's a hassle if other demons or your allies come."

That's actually helpful.

Anyway, I've been trying to sense their presence since earlier, but I can't feel the unique aura of demons. All I sense is their original bodies. Does this mean that the only way to detect demons is through mental concentration? They must have considerable power to be able to bury the heroes of various other worlds and call the Evil tribe weaklings. There are three opponents. Can we fight them with our current strength? Don't think, just fight with all your might! We won't make the same mistake as last time. Even if their bodies are elves, they are still demons inside. We'll defeat them without hesitation.

"Burn-san, may I fight that demon woman alone?"

"Wait, Haru, that's too dangerous!"

Sorry, Mika. I have to overcome this on my own.

"Oh, you're being bold. Her strength is unknown."

"I want to overcome my own weakness. She's a demon in a woman's guise."

"I see. You want to conquer your own weakness by defeating her?"

"Yes!"

“Alright. You can handle the woman. The silent man will team up with Riffia and Mika. I’ll take care of the arrogant guy who talks about demons a lot.”

"Understood. Haruto, if the enemy is too strong, either Mika or I will join the fight.”

“Yes! Sorry, everyone. Think of this as a trial for me to overcome my weakness.”

"Well, you're weak against women, so it might be a good challenge for you.”

“We’ll handle that silent guy. Leave it to us!”

“That's unavoidable. But don't push yourself too hard.”

Thank you, Yoshiteru, Shinya, and Yumi.

Now, let's take down those demons!

Chapter 108: Hero and Saint's Incident

Viewpoint of Shimazaki Mika

That Haruto guy, it's reckless for him to fight against a female demon all by himself. As Burn-san said, she's a powerful person who has buried many heroes from other worlds, and her true strength is unknown. But we have no choice but to believe in ourselves! Our opponent is that silent demon. She hasn't said much since earlier.

"Now, everyone, our opponent is that taciturn demon.”

“Yes!”

"I feel it's unfair to only have me with five people against her.”

We can't afford to call it unfair when facing a demon!

"We're up against a demon who buries heroes! Please consider this a handicap."

Shinya is right.

"Hmm, you have a point. Well then, we'll start things off from our side."

Wow! An innumerable amount of spheres have appeared.

SFX: Hyu

"Everyone, disperse!"

SFX: Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Dogon Although her attack speed itself isn't that fast, there are too many of them. We don't have time to attack! In that case, we'll prepare while we're on the run. Thanks to the training in hell, I can now activate "Reflector Holy Cannon" in a shorter amount of time.

"Fu fu fu, the Holy Maiden and the Elf woman are just running away? If you stay like that, your friends will die."

"What did you say?!"

Looking at Yumi and the others, they're barely able to run away, and because they're occasionally defending themselves, their stamina is running low. Why?!

"Kuh, Riffia-san, I'll go!"

"Yes, please!"

We quickly rush over to Yumi's location and set up "Holy Field". Shinya and Yoshiteru also come over after seeing it.

"Are all three of you okay?"

"Haa, haa, haa, haa, Mika, we-- thank you. -- Honestly, it was dangerous."

"Haa, haa, haa, haa, I was in trouble too. That guy's spheres were abnormally fast and heavy when we defended against them. Riffia-san knows, but why is Mika so calm?"

"Haa, haa, haa, Shinya's right. The speed of those spheres was unusual, and each one was heavy, so our stamina was quickly depleted."

What, were they really that fast?

"To me, they don't seem that fast, but because there are so many of them, I thought I wouldn't have time to attack."

I wonder why? Their current strength is a little stronger than three people, but they clearly perceive something differently, don't they?

"Anyway, everyone stay here until your stamina recovers."

"Got it. Besides, even though the spheres have been flying towards us since earlier, they disappear the moment they touch the field. We can focus on recovering our stamina here safely."

"Yeah, then I'll go."

After leaving the field, when I looked at the silent demon again, Riffia-san was fighting with magic. She was also fighting back with a considerable number of fireballs. Oh, the attack stopped.

"Sorry to keep you waiting, Riffia-san."

"Mika, did you notice something strange?"

"Yes, they said that the speed and weight of the attack are abnormal for the three of them, but to me, it's not that much."

"I have the same opinion as Mika."

"Oh, you two seem to be relaxed. Then how about this?"

Whooshing sounds

This time it's a spear. The speed has also increased, but I can easily dodge it at this level. Huh! This spear is chasing me, it's a tracking type!

"It's a tracking type spear. And there are many of them. Hmm, let's try this."

For times like this, it's time to use the new space-time magic I learned, "Teleportation"! I'll fly behind him and attack with magic.

Whoosh

"Hmph, ha!"

"Whoa! I was trying to attack from behind, but you reacted well."

"Don't underestimate the demon. Look around!"

Huh! Without me noticing, there are spears in all directions around me. Even if I try to teleport, there are too many spears, and I can't move.

"I can't avoid this, and I can't teleport either. It was a quick end."

This guy is surrounding me with all his spears and creating new ones to attack Riffia. This is bad!

"Farewell, Holy Maiden."

Countless spears flew towards me from all directions to pierce me.

BOOM

"Now, you should have been completely destroyed."

Haruto Sakuragi's perspective:

"Kyahaha, you're fighting me alone? How reckless. Well, I'm happy to hear the last gasps of the hero though."

Screeeech

Huh?

Kyahaha's devil claws clashed with my holy sword. It's strange, but I just realized that this guy is stronger than Shadow.

But I myself am strangely calm. Normally, I should feel something if I'm facing such a powerful enemy, but I don't feel anything in particular.

"What's wrong? If you're not coming, I'll come to you. Here, here, here."

I'm dodging the claw attacks and blocking with my sword, but I don't feel heavy at all. Rather, it feels light?

"Hey, you're not even trying! Don't underestimate me!"

I'm attacking him too.

"Haa!"

"Well, well, you're a hero, so you're doing well. Kyahaha, how about this attack then?"

Huh? Nothing's coming?

BOOOOM

"Ga!"

What? I suddenly felt an impact on my right shoulder without any indication. What happened? When was I attacked?

"!! Hmm, you can endure it? You really did defeat the lower demons."

Did Kyahaha's devil guy just hesitate for a moment? Oh well. It's the first stage of mental concentration.

"Here, here, here~~~ Can you endure this?"

What's that? A transparent liquid? A ball of it is flying towards me. Is this the bomb's true form?

"Tch, I guess I'll have to take it! Here's my return."

I added the attribute of storm to my holy sword, releasing a gust of

wind towards Kyahaha's devil guy, and bouncing the liquid back.

"Die from your own bombs!"

I thought all the bombs would hit Kyahaha's devil guy, but they were all sucked in.

"!!----- Wow~ I didn't expect you to detect the bomb right away. I underestimated you. Besides, it's impossible to get damaged by my own bomb, you know?"

I thought so too. As expected, the first stage of mental concentration only allows you to see the surface of your opponent.

I don't know the method to defeat them yet. It's possible to move on to the second stage from here, but if the opponent is not giving their all yet, I can't use my trump card yet. This time, it's my turn. Regarding the bombs, I also understood their power and adjustment methods. I'll attack with a flurry of blows.

"Now it's my turn."

I released countless thunder balls and scattered them in all directions.

"What?!"

"Now, try to avoid this. Go! 'Lightning Laser'."

My new technique, 'Lightning Laser,' compressed 'Lightning Bolts' from the scattered thunder balls and shot them towards another thunder ball. The intercepted thunder ball also shoots another 'Lightning Bolt' towards another thunder ball. I learned this from Mika, but I just changed it to a thunder attribute. Well, to put it simply, it's plagiarism.

"Kyahaha, where are you aiming-----"

Slow to notice. Your personality is visible in your mental concentration. Now, how do I dispose of the thunder ball that has accumulated considerable energy?

What? What are you thinking as you look at me?

"Kyahaha, I see. How about this?"

Kyahaha, the demon was wrapped in smoke!-----!!-----This is an attack not to be underestimated! I fired the thunder ball towards the demon Kyahaha, but just before it hit, the thunder ball disappeared. Damn it! I knew it from my mental concentration, but I still let it disappear.

"Ahaha, is this your weak point?"

The smoke cleared, and without a doubt, it was my favorite person, Akane Shimizu.

"This bastard peeked into my memories!"

"ping pon!"

Even the voice is the same!

"I'm going to attack now, but don't avoid it. Otherwise, I'll make this girl wear something terrible."

This guy can understand Kyahaha demon's thoughts because of his mental concentration. I won't let him make her wear something terrible.

Shit! I was surrounded by countless bombs.

"Well then, before you're blown to pieces, give me your dying scream~"

Numerous bombs flew towards me.

Dooooon.

Burn's Point of View

For a while, Burn watched the battle between Riffia, Mika, and Haruto. They seemed quite confused. Riffia had a vague idea of what was going on, but Mika and Haruto only felt a sense of discomfort. It couldn't be helped. Burn himself was also bewildered by the magical power surging within his body. Judging from this feeling, his basic abilities had increased by almost five times since the day he switched from "Divine Blessing of the Evil God" to "Divine Blessing of the Goddess Sasha." He wondered if he should test his current strength against the talkative demon. Fortunately, Kihahaha had set up a barrier, so no one could detect them. It was convenient for them.

"Oh my, the saint and the hero are both under direct attack. They'll be completely destroyed, won't they?"

"Hmph. I can't believe I have to fight against an idiot like you. I'd rather fight the silent type."

This guy really was an idiot.

"W-what? Are you calling me an idiot? I was thinking of playing with you for a bit, but I'll crush you with all my might."

"Hold on a second. I have one question to ask before that. Can you tell me the ranking of demons?"

"Are you seriously asking that now? Well, whatever. Demons are classified into lower, middle, upper, emperor, and king ranks."

Then you're just a low-level underling too!

"I see. Thanks for the information. I'll fight you with all my might too."

Burn unleashed his Flame Aura at full power for the first time in a while.

"H-heh, wait a minute! I have a question too. Are there people in this world who are at the same level as you?"

"Huh? Who knows. There are a few who are at my level or higher. And there's one person who is a thousand times stronger than me."

"What? A thousand times stronger! Unless it's a god, there's no way someone like that could exist in the lower realm! If there was someone like that, we demons would..."

There are gods who exist in the lower realm.

"I just told you the truth."

"What? That's impossible! Something is wrong with this world!"

"What's wrong? Come at me."

"Hmph."

Of course, they won't come at me. They're weaker than me.

"You demons can regenerate even if you're cut with a normal sword, right?"

"What, how did you know?"

"I could tell from the quality of your magic. It's like how Toifelberry

had a core, you demons have one too. But it's too troublesome to search for it. So, I'll turn everything to ashes."

"W-What about this body? It's an elf's. Do you know what will happen if you turn it to ashes?"

"Hah! You're already dead, so who cares what happens to your body!"

"What did you say? You demon!"

I compressed the blue flames on my sword to the limit and imagined one image.

"Whether you're a demon or not! 'Bird Strike'!"

The blue flames I released took the form of a large bird and enveloped the chatty demon.

"W-What, you actually did it! Aaaaaaahhhhhhhh!"

Something shone from their head. That must be their core. Alright, they've been reduced to ashes. Now, let's take care of the other two. At this point, I'll let Mika try to defeat a demon on her own too.

Chapter 109: The Birth of the Doping Hero and Doping Saintess.

Riffia Rose's Point of View:

I wonder why? Mika teleported behind the silent devil, who instantly sensed it. While restraining me, he released countless spears that hit Mika directly. Currently, Mika is engulfed in smoke. Normally, she would panic. But, I think she won't die from that level of attack. The magical power I felt from Mika is nearly ten times stronger than what I sensed during training. I myself have increased by almost five times. It's not normal for it to increase so drastically. There must be a reason for it. Anyway, let's have Mika defeat the silent devil now. The smoke is clearing up.

"I was surprised~. I defended with all my might, but it didn't hurt at all. My strength is also surging, so maybe I can finally have my dream fight!"

"-----What an idiot, wha!? ----- Why are you unharmed?"

Mika isn't releasing her magical power, so he can't recognize her strength. But, Mika, you wanted a fight, didn't you!

"Hehe, I learned martial arts from Burn-san, so I'll try it on the silent devil."

Mika understands it herself. That the silent devil is inferior to her.

"Alright~! Here comes the attack!"

Hmm, she just learned it from Burn-san and her martial arts skill is only level 1. But, it's still considered martial arts. It's like a child recklessly challenging their teacher. Even though her magical power is inferior, she can't compete with only level 1 martial arts skills.

《 BAM 》

Ah, it hit him right in the face.

"You bastard, you got me!"

"I hit you directly, -----why are you still moving?"

"Haa!"

"Kuuu"

Oh, that hit to the stomach was good!

"----Do you intend to defeat me with martial arts? Alright, come at me."

"Here I goooooo!"

That devil is strangely sincere. Demons also have various personalities, just like humans. Mika is taking blows all over her body, but with no damage. And every time she takes a hit, her martial arts skills improve.

Both Mika and the silent devil have completely forgotten our existence. When I was watching their fight, someone called out to me.

"Riffia-san, am I dreaming? My best friend is fighting a demon and gradually gaining the upper hand?"

Suddenly, Yumi and the others arrived.

"Yumi, what a coincidence. I was just wondering if I was dreaming too. Mika's basic ability value after training should have been around 11,000. Meanwhile, that taciturn demon should have had at least 50,000."

"I know martial arts because I learned it from my master, but that progression speed is abnormal. Moreover, why can they fight despite having nearly five times the difference in ability?"

"It's simple. Mika's power has jumped up nearly tenfold."

"Ten times!!!"

"Riffia-san, it's absurd for her to have increased tenfold without defeating anything."

"Yoshiteru, we have a lot of things that we've defeated in bulk because we have blessings."

Yes, that's the only explanation.

"Blessing--! Could it be, Toifelberry!"

"Yes, that's right. We just ate them. However, demons lurk at the center of the Toifelberry. Our blessings react and defeat them automatically."

"Mika, that's not fair! It's like doping to increase your abilities just by eating them, and the effect is permanent! It's unfair!"

"Doping? Shinya, what's doping?"

"In our world, fair play is the basic principle, but there are rare cases where athletes forcibly increase their physical abilities temporarily by administering drugs into their bodies. That act is called doping."

"I see. This sudden increase in our power this time is completely like doping because of Toifelberry. Although Mika's martial arts skill level is 1, if there is such a big difference in power, it is also possible to steal the taciturn demon's martial arts skills by fighting."

"Is it over already, Burn-san?"

"Yeah, I went all out from the beginning, and that chatty demon was completely scared. I got some information out of him and then defeated him."

"Master(Sensei), great job! It's a complete victory, as expected!"

"Oh? It seems like Mika's fight is coming to an end too while we were talking."

"Uryauryauryauryauryauryaaaaa! Hey, come at me with all you've got! Otherwise, your face will get even more messed up!"

"Hey, you! We're already giving it our all!"

Mika, the silent demon's face is already bruised.

"Hey, Mika! How long do you plan on fighting? You should have already stolen all their techniques. Finish them off quickly!"

"Burn-san, understood~! Hehehe, take this, 'Shining Laser'!"

Sound of laser shooting

"What the...?!"

Sound of impact

"Quest complete~~~! We won!"

"Hey, Yoshiteru, who is that?"

"Shimazaki Mika, our classmate and saint."

"She definitely doesn't look like a saint, more like an Amazon seeking combat. During training with Burn-san, she said

'combat is interesting'. I guess she's awakened to it."

A saint seeking combat, the first in the world. Now, it seems like Haruto's fight is also coming to an end. He was struggling mentally, but he seems to be alright

Viewpoint of Haruto Sakuragi

Countless bombs hit me directly. But that doesn't matter. I couldn't cut

down the Cahahaha demon who had taken the form of Shimizu. I feel sickened by my own weakness. Burn-san told me during training.

[Haruto, you haven't killed anyone yet. The moment you think your attack will hit me, you hesitate. The enemy is not waiting for that moment. From now on, you will definitely have to kill people. Don't hesitate. Even if the opponent is your ally, you must cut them down! If you hesitate, you will be the one who dies.]

Those words from back then come back to me. Damn it! What was I doing? It was lucky that the opponent was weaker than me, but if we were equals, I would have been dead. No matter how much I transformed into Shimizu, I should have cut down the enemy because they were not really her.

"--- Kyahahaha, how come you're unscathed? It's impossible!"

Damn it, even though I know it's a fake with my head, my body is trembling!

"Hey, don't you have ears? I'm asking a question, so answer me! --- Hey, Hero!"

Why is it that I'm starting to feel angry for no reason? Shimizu would never use that kind of language.

"This guy, is he going to keep ignoring us? Then, how about this?"

Is this guy starting to take off his clothes? Shimizu would never do something like this. Your actions are insulting Shimizu. This guy should be killed. He's a Cahahaha demon who has taken on the form of Shimizu. I won't forgive anyone who insults Shimizu, the woman I love.

"That's enough. Thanks to you, I've finally gotten over it. Cahahaha

demon, you're already dead! To be frank, you're just unpleasant."

I mercilessly cut off the right arm of the Cahahaha demon who had taken on the form of Shimizu.

"Gyaaaaaaah, are you sane? You cut off the arm of the woman you love!"

"Yeah, I am sane. Certainly, that appearance is that of the woman I love. However, she is just similar in appearance, her gestures and way of speaking are completely different. I won't forgive anyone who insults the woman I love!"

With all my strength, I'll cut this guy down. Using the lightning fighting spirit that I've raised in my training, and activating my second-stage "Unrivaled Mode", all I need to do to subjugate him is to cut him down with all my might from the top of his head. It seems that the position of his core can move freely, but it should not be a problem to cut it with a sword speed that he cannot respond to.

"W-What is that? The hero couldn't possibly be that strong! Who are you?"

"I'm the hero of this world. Kyahaha, demon, thank you. Because I overcame my own weakness. See you."

"U-Uwaaahhhh!"

He tried to escape with all his might, but I cut him down from the top of his head. And because the core was destroyed, the elf's body turned to ash.

Phew, I got one stage stronger with this. It seems that I'm the last one standing. Let's go to where everyone is gathered.

"Haruto, it seems like you've finally snapped out of it."

"Yes, I'm fine now. I have no hesitation to kill people anymore! By the way, what happened to my power? I understand it in my second-stage, but I somehow don't want to know."

Yes, my current power has increased by nearly ten times since before I came to this village. The reason is—

"Haruto, you have a faint idea, don't you? It's because of Toifelberry."

"As expected."

Hey, we wanted to become stronger, so we trained together with our comrades. But because we ate a lot of Toifelberry, we became nearly ten times stronger. This is—

"Everyone, we came up with nicknames for Haruto and Mika."

"Huh, our nicknames? Why all of a sudden?"

What, nicknames? Why did Yumi suddenly bring that up?

"Yumi, what a coincidence. I also thought of something."

"Shinya-kun too? Then let's say it at the same time."

"Yeah, ready, set, go!"

"Doping Hero and Doping Saint!!!"

"Ehhhhhhhhh?!"

"Well, it's a perfect nickname."

Even Yoshiteru agrees!

"Hey Yumi, I don't like the idea of a doping saint."

"But, it's like they became stronger by doping, right? They just ate some Toifelberry, after all."

"Well, yeah, but..."

"Hey Yoshiteru, do you think it's really doping?"

"Of course it is. Normally, heroes and saints undergo strict training with their comrades, accumulate various combat experiences, gradually become stronger, and undergo rapid growth after the death of their comrades. That's the standard,

isn't it? It's impossible for their basic ability values to suddenly exceed 100,000 without much experience. And the cause is just eating a Toifelberry. What else can you call it besides doping? It's completely cheating to just keep eating Toifelberries and getting stronger. "

Yoshiteru was unusually passionate. Yeah, it's doping.

"Yumi, stop being a doping saint, okay?"

"Then how about a doping Amazoness?"

"I don't like that either. Let's stay away from doping. I just wanted to fight in hand-to-hand combat."

"Mika, is there any saint in the world who seeks hand-to-hand combat?"

Shinya pointed out sharply. I also saw a little of the fight, but Mika's eyes were scary in the latter half.

"Well, we did become suddenly stronger with doping."

"But if we didn't use doping, Haruto and Mika would have been killed by those demons for sure."

So, Burn-san and Riffia, was it good to dope? I never thought that just eating a Toifelberry would make us stronger! Oh, but they did tell us that we would be defeated just by eating it with a clear mind.

Hmm, I'm happy to have become stronger, but it's kind of complicated.

"Yuumi~~ Cheer up~~"

"Just the other day, we were encouraged to train hard together and become stronger. But suddenly being doped and having a difference of more than 10 times, it really hurts. You must feel the same way, Shinya-kun."

"Yuumi's right."

Well, even if we did it unknowingly, it's complicated when there's such a big difference.

"Doping hero~~~ Doping saint~~~"

But please stop calling us that!

"Stop doping~~~"

Ah, it seems like we'll continue to be teased with this joke in the future.

Chapter 110: Epilogue - Demon Subjugation Complete

Viewpoint of Burn Fail

"We resorted to cheating with the Toifelberry doping in the end, but

this time it was still dangerous even with me and Riffia. It was lucky that we encountered Toifelberry first."

"Yes, if we had encountered the demons without encountering Toifelberry, it would have been just me and Burn fighting them, and we might have barely won. So, Haruto and Mika don't need to be so depressed."

"I understand, but the fact that we resorted to doping cannot be erased."

Do they really have to be that depressed? In your world, was doping considered a significant cheating act?

Beep beep beep

Hmm, this is a transmission from Sasha. Is the timing good or bad?

"Riffia, it's a transmission from Sasha."

Gasp

"What is it this time?"

She's been nervous ever since the transmission related to the High Elf.

[Sasha, that was a quick transmission. What's the content?]

[Burn-san, we found something new at the ruins in the Imperial Capital of the Gardia Empire]

The ruins in the Imperial Capital? There's nothing there. The transmission should be fast.

[What is it?]

Riffia and I were shocked to hear the content.

1. Demons may be summoned.

→ Well, that's fine. We just finished fighting the demons.

2. The limit of the skill status is over level 50.

→ We had a vague idea that it was over 10.

3. She have developed magic for fighting demons and granted it to everyone with divine protection.

→ This is the problem!

That's too fast for development. When she became gods, she developed Void Magic shortly after, and this time she improved it. This woman is still abnormal. Riffia seemed to have the same feeling as me when she heard about it.

【Sasha, thank you for bestowing upon us new magic. However, you gave protection to Haruto and Mika without our permission, right?】

【Ah, yes. I wanted to give it to everyone, but I thought it would be too obvious, so I only gave it to the two of them.】

Even Riffia must be angry about this.

Both Riffia and I sternly warned Sasha to tell us beforehand whenever she plans to do something to us.

【I'm sorry, I'll tell you in advance from now on. By the way, I've been hearing "Doping Hero" and "Doping Saint" being mentioned repeatedly since earlier, was there something that happened?】

Oh, that.

【Yeah, just a little while ago, a lot happened. The hero was renamed to Doping Hero, and the saint was renamed to Doping Saint. 】

【What?! What happened to make them change their names like that? 】

【We just finished a battle a little while ago. Once the information is sorted out, we'll contact you later. 】

【Okay, I understand. When you say "doping," does that mean they suddenly became much stronger? 】

As soon as I heard "doping," I knew what happened.

【Well, yeah, something like that. Just wait a bit. Once everything's sorted out tomorrow, we'll contact you. 】

【Okay, I'll wait for tomorrow's communication. 】

By the way, the development of void magic and the limit of the status skill level must be at least 50 or more. Heh, this is quite fulfilling. It seems like we can still get stronger.

Haruto Sakuragi's point of view :

"Doping Hero" is such a gut-wrenching name. It's true that we wouldn't have won without the doping, but the fact that we became almost ten times stronger by cheating within a month of starting our journey is still a fact. I've never heard of anything in internet novels that made someone 10 times stronger just by eating something.

"Hey, playing with Haruto and Mika has its limits. Sasha just

contacted us. It seems that there might be a demon summoning from Sphere at the ruins in the capital, and we were warned about it."

Huh, Sasha was also warned by Sphere? We already fought demons here.

"Well, it can't be helped. Playing with Mika and Shun-to-kun has its limits."

"Yeah, you're right."

Hey, come on, don't stop playing.

"Ugh, Yumi, sorry for doping."

"Mika, it's okay. You didn't know."

"That's right! We were useless this time. Haruto, don't get down."

"Shinya, then can you forget about the doping hero and the doping saint?"

"That's impossible."

The three of them harmonized their voices!

"Hehe, Shinya, Yoshiki, Yumi, I have good news for you. Sasha has developed magic for fighting demons."

"What?!"

That's too fast, isn't it? We were told in detail about the void magic developed by Sasha. Although three people can use this magic, the magic power consumption is quite large.

Moreover, the minimum required skill for void magic was magic manipulation level 20 or above. That means that magic circulation also requires the same level of skill. And efficient practice methods are like juggling.

"Ugh, I'm not good at juggling."

"Mika was quite clumsy. I'm really good at it."

"You guys are still lucky. We guys have never done it before."

"Even Yoshiteru? I haven't done it either. How about you, Shinya?"

"Yoshiteru, juggling is basically what you call it, right?"

"That's right, but have you done it before, Shinya?"

"I showed it as a hidden talent at the graduation party in junior high school. At that time, I received a lot of applause. I never thought that the day would come when it would be useful in another world."

What? Shinya is experienced at it! Oh, Yoshiteru grabbed Shinya's hands!

"Shinya, please teach me the trick!"

"I'm counting on you too."

Juggling? That's definitely going to be tough.

"Sure thing. I'll teach Yoshiteru and Haruto how to juggle!"

"Shinya, have you had experience with juggling balls? If so, you might be able to master void magic quickly. I'll have to train too. Alright, let's head back to the village soon! In the end, all three of the elves' bodies turned to ashes. We have to report to the village elders."

That's right, when we crushed the demon core, the elves' bodies turned to ashes too. All that was left were their clothing, accessories, and some ashes. Will these become mementos? We'll collect them and give them to the parents of the three.

We gathered the mementos and returned to the village.

Upon returning to the village, I reported everything to the elders and gave them the three's mementos. Their family members broke down in tears. The best outcome would have been for all three to return safely, but since they had merged together, there was no other way but to defeat them.

"Village chief, please make sure not to eat Toyfelberry. And in order to prevent such tragedies from happening again, please store what we find in a safe place where children won't be able to eat them. We'll come back periodically to defeat them."

"Yes, yes. Thank you so much for this incident. I don't want the sacrifices of those three to be in vain. We'll store them securely as soon as they're found."

Since Riffia and Yumi can use long-distance teleportation, there won't be any problems with collecting Toyfelberries.

"Brave heroes, thank you so much for this incident. The details are summarized on this paper. Please give it to the Martique Guild Leader."

"Thank you. We'll take our leave now."

We were able to meet the high elves more easily this time. When it

comes to summoning demons, even the king of the country will inform the high elves. Since there's no other way to learn the details, they have to ask us.

"Riffia, it's good that we can meet the high elves more easily now. If we say something inappropriate, we could be discovered and immediately sentenced to death. But it's still a meeting with the high elves."

"Hehe, but we're still meeting with the high elves."

Ah, it seems that the very idea of meeting with them is still quite unpleasant.

"Here are the training menus for you all. In addition to the basic training you have been doing so far, there will be added training in Void Magic."

"Wha--?! That was just basic training up until now?"

"Well, of course! You were tired just from the movement training, weren't you? The Void Magic training will significantly improve your basic skills, such as magic perception, magic circulation, and magic manipulation. Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru should also see a significant increase in their basic abilities through the Void Magic training. The stronger you become, the more training menus we will add, so be prepared."

"What the hell! But why do I feel both discouraged and happy?"

Anyway, let's continue the training and become stronger and stronger.

It is possible to gradually become stronger through training, but I also found a way to become stronger by simply doping with Toifelberry. Let's be careful not to rely too much on Toifelberry. It may make you stronger, but it won't give you experience!

If you become addicted to Toifelberry, you might become a worthless person.

Anyway, after informing the guild leader of Martique, let's head to the royal capital!

Chapter 111: Raid on Radenburg - The Demon Slaying Arc - Welcome?

○○○ Sasha's perspective

Phew, the sky sure feels good. I wonder if Finn and Iris are getting used to it too.

"Have you both gotten used to this height?"

"Yes, it was scary at first, but we've gotten used to it quite a bit. I was just thinking, master, do you not fly on your own?"

"Well, I could if I wanted to, but it feels more relaxing to ride on Rikka or Jin and let them do the flying."

"I understand that, Onee-sama. But personally, I'd like to try flying on my own."

"Master, I want to try too."

I see. There's a possibility we'll be fighting in the air in the future, so I'll teach you how to fly.

"That's fine. We'll teach you how to fly in Redenburg. However, Finn can stay as is, but Iris, you should change into pants. If you fly in a skirt, people on the ground will be able to see your underwear."

"No way, I don't want that! From now on, I'll change into pants for flying too!"

Our journey in the sky is going smoothly. There's no sign of the Evil Tribe attacking us. Come to think of it, there weren't any Evil Tribe members attacking Finn on the ground either. Well, it's possible that they were afraid of me since I'm a Divine God or a Goddess, isn't it? On the other hand, something big seems to be happening on Burn-san's side. While I was being scolded for the Protection matter, I could hear Yumi and the others calling out "Doping Hero~" and "Doping Saint~". I wonder what they did to earn those titles? Did they eat something and suddenly become stronger because of doping? Oh well, we'll probably get a message today.

"Phew~ we've entered Redenburg Kingdom. Ahh, it's been a while. It feels nostalgic."

It's Finn's hometown, after all. Unlike Thermia Kingdom or Gardia Empire, Redenburg is a lush green place. Thermia Kingdom and Gardia Empire developed cities by clearing forests, but from what I can see of the villages and cities in Redenburg, they've minimized development and integrated with the greenery. Personally, I like this view.

"Wow, Redenburg is nice. I like how they value nature."

"That's right! Redenburg and Alteheim have a habit of minimizing forest destruction and valuing what already exists."

Because of that, there are many spirits, so even if the forest is destroyed by the evil tribe, the regeneration ability is amazing!"

Wow, Finn is really insisting on this. She must really love her country and Alteheim.

"Finn-nee, it seems that nothing has happened in Redenburg, but there are suspicious movements in Alteheim, right?"

The moment Iris said that, Finn's ears and tail, which were moving around energetically, suddenly drooped.

"Yeah, I wonder if Leon-sama is okay~"

Hmm, it's actually worrying that nothing has happened in Redenburg. Maybe I should ask the spirits a bit.

As I was about to go down, I sensed a presence ahead.

"Finn, do you know who those guys far away are?"

"Fe, that's the Wyvern Security Unit. They probably sensed our presence with their Wyverns. But there are no big cities around here, so I wonder which faction they belong to."

Hmmm, I sense something ominous.

"Sasha-sama, the three Wyverns over there are completely intimidated by Sasha-sama. What will you do?"

As Jin said, I know that the Wyverns aren't moving, but the beastman riders haven't moved since earlier either.

Something's off.

"Well, it's suspicious, should I shoot them down?"

"F-Fueeeeee, please don't! If master casts magic, I can only imagine the Wyverns being blown to pieces! And then there's a possibility that the bullets will hit the capital and destroy it!"

"That's right, Onee-sama, you must never use magic! You haven't used attack magic much since exceeding the system limit, have you? I feel like if you lose control, you could destroy the city! If things go wrong, Redenburg could be destroyed too!"

"Well, I don't think it will be that stupid of a situation----"

"What do we do during that time!!!"

"Hahaha, well then, let's go greet the Wyvern security unit."

"Please don't use magic no matter what!"

Two people said it together. Well, it's true that we haven't used any attack magic since we exceeded the system's limit with the Zombie House incident. The evil tribe in Bilbrem was also easily subjugated without using any attack magic. In the arena, I just sat there and didn't do anything. Hmm, thinking about it, I feel like I'm really going to make a mistake in control. Let's practice magic urgently in the space where the evil god was.

When I went to the two wyverns, both the wyverns and the riders were trembling visibly. I understand the wyverns, but why are even the riders trembling?

"S-s-stop! Don't come any closer!"

Oh, they're using magic amplification to speak. There's still quite a distance between us, but if we get any closer, the wyverns might die. The beastmen riders are also trembling uncontrollably. Is this because I'm a goddess? I haven't even tried to intimidate them, but I want to control this somehow.

"Um, is there something you need?"

"A-Are you the third princess of Redenburg, Finn Redenburg, who's riding there?"

"Yes. I'll tell you this in advance, but if you came here to kill Finn, be prepared."

Bashin

"Oh dear, that's what I said."

As soon as they noticed us, one of them flew up into the air. Thanks to my training in void magic, all of my learned magic skills, not just basic skills, have gradually improved. Void magic may connect to everything after all. Thanks to this training, Finn, Iris, and Rikka learned new spatial and temporal magic.

Therefore, I taught all four of us "Distortion Field". And it's still working automatically now. It only activates when the opponent attacks, so they are enemies.

The wyverns and riders collided with the membrane of "Distortion Field" and crashed. Are they assassins disguised as guards?

"Ugh, why me?"

"W-What the hell are you guys doing--"

Just by intimidating them a little, all the wyverns and riders crashed.

Dooooon

We entered Redenburg and this happened all of a sudden.

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When we landed on the ground and went to the crash site of the three wyverns, they were just unconscious as usual. The problem was with the riders, they were nowhere to be found no matter where we looked. Their presence had completely disappeared. All that was left were their clothes, weapons, armor, items, and ashes.

"Master, there really are no signs of the three riders?"

"That's odd. The wyverns are here as usual, but the three riders are gone, and all that's left is their ashes."

Huh? I felt their gaze, and the four of them were staring at me.

"What?"

"Well, we thought that Master could turn people into ashes in an instant."

"If it's Onee-sama, I think it's possible to use light magic to gather sunlight and make it happen?"

Ah, so they mean that this ash is the end result of those people.

"Listen, it's certainly possible, but I won't turn people into ashes for no reason. If you tease me any more, I'll stimulate all four of you until you're covered in sweat!"

"Hiyiiiiiieeee, we're sorry!"

Honestly, should we heal the wyverns and listen to their story?

"Jin, heal the wyverns and listen to their story. Jin and Rikka, stay in your divine beast form. The wyverns shouldn't be able to speak human language, so they'll be more calm in that form and speak in their own language."

"Oh? What about you, Sasha-sama?"

Oh, Rikka asked me.

"If I'm here right now, there's a possibility that the wyverns could die if they wake up, so I'll keep some distance. During that time, I'll practice controlling the power of the goddess within me. I can't listen

properly if I'm scared by the evil tribe every time. Rikka, please speak slowly and calmly to the wyverns."

"Okay, understood!"

I'm a bit worried with just Rikka, but it should be fine since there are four of us.

Now, is this enough distance to be safe?

The only thing I have to deal with the evil tribe with my current skills is "Intimidation". However, the way the evil tribe fears me in the arena seems different from when I use Intimidation. The problem is what that is. Intimidation is a technique that shows the opponent my strength and threatens them. But when a goddess looked at me, it seemed like a super high-ranking person was in front of me, being feared and revered. Rather than Intimidation, if I were to put it into words, it would be "reverence". Alright, let me confirm the power that I revere in myself again.

-- Is this the power? There seems to be something like that that I can't put into words inside of me. However, this power doesn't seem to exist as a skill in this world. Yeah, then I'll make this power into a skill called "reverence" from now on. If I make it as a concept of a skill for myself, the skill "reverence" will also be incorporated when connected to the system of the management world. Alright, I understand this "reverence" now, so I'll turn it off.

Looking at Finn and the others, the wyverns had also recovered and were chatting amicably. Those wyverns can speak the same language as us.

"Oh, Onee-sama, it took quite a long time. It's been about 30 minutes since then."

"30 minutes! I was really focused. Well, it's okay. I have complete control now."

"Oh, that's right. Even the wyverns aren't scared when they look at master now."

"Sasha-sama, what was that power?"

"Well, in our world's language, it's called 'reverence'. It means to revere or worship out of fear. Unlike Intimidation, which causes fear based on the difference in strength, this power causes people to instinctively revere and fear those who are far superior."

T/N: 『畏敬』 -> Ikei, Probably can be 'reverence' , 'awe', or maybe 'respect'?

"Ah, Onee-sama, does that mean people won't fear and worship Onee-sama?"

"The Evil tribe only judges strength purely and determines who is strong and weak. Also, their instincts as living beings are far superior to humans. For humans, their instincts as living beings are weaker than those of the Evil tribe because they have higher intelligence. So, they might not perceive the power of 'awe' that the goddess I possess is worshipped for."

"That's certainly true. Even when I see Onee-sama, I don't become like the Evil tribe."

"I feel the same way. What about our mentor, Rikka, Jin-san, and Lich-san?"

"Rikka, Jin, and Lich have been fearing and worshipping me since we first met, and we have a master-servant contract, so they won't become like the Evil tribe."

"Ah, that's certainly true. Wait, then what about the three riders?"

"That's the problem."

Now that we have finished discussing about Reverence, shall we listen to what the wyverns have to say?

Chapter 112: "Alteheim Incident" and "Flying Magic"

Now, the wyverns are showing some suspicious behavior towards me, but it's better than when we were in the air.

"Jin, did you hear anything from the wyverns?"

"Yes, these wyverns are well-trained and have higher intelligence than normal wyverns. They can speak the same language as us."

Wow, wyverns are supposed to have low intelligence among the dragon species, so they shouldn't be able to speak. But their owners must have properly trained and educated them.

"That saves us some trouble."

"These wyverns belong to the people of the neighboring country, Alteheim. They infiltrated to Redenburg and were ordered to assassinate Finn if she returned."

Assassination. About a year ago, the evil tribe manipulated Sophia to cause a status abnormality and instigate her to be killed by human hands, triggering a war. But this time, it seems like the people of Alteheim are behind it. When I saw the riders, I didn't feel like they were being manipulated by the evil tribe, like the Mauro priest of Sphereart or the Klinka Archbishop. But the riders were afraid of me. There must be something going on.

"Hmm, assassination. Redenburg and Alteheim are supposed to be allies, and second prince Leon is also Finn's fiancé.

Why would they assassinate her in that situation?"

"The wyverns don't know either. They just say that everyone's atmosphere has changed about four months ago."

The atmosphere has changed? The Gardia Empire Emperor also said that he sent spies two months ago, but they never returned.

"How did it change?"

"Even though their appearance from the outside looks the same as before, they feel something different about their personality and power. And when they saw Sasha-sama, the wyverns felt an inexplicable fear and couldn't move, and the riders also couldn't move and muttered something."

The wyverns and the riders had different reactions when they saw me.

"What did they say?"

"It was a small voice, so they could hardly hear it, but they heard, "It's different. She's an existence far superior to that person."

Different story? That person? Am I an existence far superior to that person? After that, did they crash and turn to ashes?

Ordinary people do not turn to ash even if they die. The evil tribe remains as a corpse. Is it a demon, an existence that is neither human nor evil tribe? It's too early to decide.

"Hmm, I don't have enough information. I can't judge who these guys are just with that."

"Onee-sama, are they related to demons?"

"At this point, I can't say for sure. But since they were afraid of me, it's certain that they are not human. What should we do with these guys? They became stray wyverns after their rider disappeared, but should we go to the royal capital of Redenburg together?"

"We'll go. Sasha-sama, we'll do anything, so please don't eat us."

"I won't eat you. Why do you think like that?"

"It's Rikka's fault, master. She said they looked delicious in a small voice."

"Rikka."

"Eek! Sorry. I got a little hungry, so I thought that."

Really.

"Don't worry. I'll take you to the royal capital of Redenburg. Find a new rider there."

"Thank you!!!"

I hope a big incident doesn't happen between Redenburg and Alteheim. It's almost noon, so let's have lunch.

"We've arrived here, so let's have lunch."

"Yay! Lunch!"

If Rikka gets any hungrier, I feel like the wyverns will get stomach ulcers.

Hmm, Finn seems a little strange. I guess it's because of the wyvern story. She hasn't eaten about half of her usual lunch (hamburgers, salad, gyoza, fried chicken, rice). Is Leon Prince and Alteheim on her mind? Anyway, Redenburg is peaceful at the moment, and Alteheim, an allied country, seems to be moving something under the surface. The king of Redenburg should know something, so we need to hear

the story once we arrive at the royal capital.

"Finn, cheer up. I understand that you're worried about Alteheim, but we're going to meet the king of Redenburg now. It's a reunion after a year, so focus on the family gathering first. Then we'll listen to Alteheim's story and deal with it."

"Yes, you're right. Okay, I'll do that. I'll focus on seeing my family after a year!"

She suddenly started eating. Yes, it seems like Finn is back to her usual self.

"By the way, is there a landing spot for wyverns at the royal palace in the royal capital?"

"Yes, there is. There's a large area at the edge of the palace, which is the landing spot for wyverns and also the training ground for the knight order."

Hmm, since we're going to meet your family after a year, let's surprise the king and others a little.

"Finn, shall we surprise the king and others?"

"Huh? How are we going to do that?"

"It's easy. You just have to learn how to fly in the sky."

"Wowwwww!"

"Master, please teach me too!"

"Onee-sama, please teach me too! I can practice here without any problems."

"Then, let's practice after lunch."

"Okay!"

---When I was thinking about finishing lunch and starting practice, Iris had a serious face and was worried.

"Jin-san, I have a request!"

"What is it? It's rare for Iris to make a request."

I can guess what she's going to request from Jin. We're going to practice the magic of flying in the sky, "Flit." Iris is wearing a skirt. Jin is currently in human form. As far as Iris is concerned, there may be some resistance.

"Would you patrol the surrounding area with the wyverns while we train?"

"Got it. Since we're here, why don't we play with the wyverns around the capital?"

Jin seemed to understand as well.

"Jin, I'm going too. It's boring just watching."

In the end, Jin and Rikka transformed into their divine beast forms and headed out with three wyverns for patrol.

"It's good that Iris has a sense of shame, too."

"Ehh, Finn-nee, why are you suddenly saying that! I have a sense of shame too!"

"It's because of what happened at the Marco ruins."

"There were no men there, so I just said that!"

Now, let's begin!

"With your current magic level, you should be able to master Flit quickly."

Flit required both wind magic and space magic. Both of them were practicing void magic, and their space magic level was already 8, so there was no problem. In fact, their magic level and skill level were not matching their high basic ability values. It was my fault, but in Redenburg, they will raise all their current magic and skill levels to 10 or higher.

I explained Flit and demonstrated it. Their flight was clumsy at first, but they seemed to have grasped the technique in about 30 minutes. As they got more used to it, we gradually increased the altitude, and now we are 500 meters above ground level.

"As long as the two of you keep flying with Flit, your magic power will decrease by one per second, so be careful. Also, the faster you fly, the more magic power you consume. To control that, keep increasing your wind magic and space magic levels."

"Yes!"

"Iris, this is amazing. I'm not used to it yet, but once I master this, I can race with wyverns!"

"I don't understand the point of racing with wyverns, but I understand that it feels really good. I'm also getting used to the height. How about Finn-nee?"

"The sensation of height that I felt when riding on Jin-san and Rikka is different from the sensation I feel when flying by myself, but I'm okay

now."

Well, it's okay to have fun, but I should tell them about the dangers too.

"Well, the two of you are getting used to it, but I'll tell you about the dangers of flying."

"Huh, dangers?"

"Onee-sama, what kind of danger is there?"

I'm sorry, both of you. To teach you about the dangers, I'll use their natural enemy, "that."

"The scariest thing when flying is having your magic undone! That's understandable, right?"

After looking at each other's faces, both of them nodded naturally.

"Sometimes, unexpected attacks come from the ground or the air. That's the scariest thing. We'll practice that now.

However, this altitude is high, so let's descend a little more."

We descended to about 30 meters, which is equivalent to the height of a 10-story building.

"Onee-sama, attacks can definitely reach us at this height."

"But Master, even if an attack comes, we can sense it and avoid it now. Can you try it out on us? It's okay for us."

Oh, really? Then let me try it out!

"I said it, right? Well then, let me try it out on you. I'm already

attacking. If you can endure it for five minutes, I'll make as much food as you want."

"Yes! We'll do our best for as much food as we want!"

Now, what will happen?

"Hmm, I don't sense anything-like presence---ah! My whole body is covered in goosebumps! K-k-kubbuuuu! Onee-sama, could it be that attack is from that?"

"O-Onee-sama, I'm feeling it too! Ugh, huff, I'll endure it--for now."

「 So~, while it's odorless and colorless outside, once it enters the body, it generates a stimulating odor. Since I'm only releasing it outside, it can't be detected by sensing skills unless they're of a high level. Now, let's see if you can withstand it! 」

Can you withstand the improved ammonia stimulation odor I made? Normally, you would notice the smell up close, but I made some improvements.

"Just to be clear, I'm not doing this to harass you. There are actually evil tribes that attack with this kind of smell. There's a troublesome one called 'Rafflesia' in the S-class that has abilities close to an A-rank, but it leads enemies to their death with every type of smell. For beastmen, they're natural enemies."

Oh, it seems like you developed some resistance from the punishment game of the last void magic. You're enduring it quite well.

"Guuuuuuuu~, can't take it anymore, stop the treat-----ment~ control is----falling~"

《 Hyuuuuuu~ 》

Finn dropped out.

"Oh, did it stop? Ah, the smell disappeared!"

"Now, how about Iris? You have two more minutes."

"I-it's still, about-----half left? B-but, I-I'll----uu---limit, control is-----"

Yes, Iris also dropped out. Since it would be dangerous to crash into the ground, I made sure to stop them about 3 meters from the ground.

"So, how scary is it when you can't control it due to unexpected attacks?"

"It's too scary!!"

"You have to overcome this fear. In aerial battles, it's quite difficult to control since you're moving around frequently.

Feeling this kind of fear can lead to death. With your current skill and magic level, it's honestly dangerous. At least level up to around 20. If you continue training in void magic, you'll be fine."

"U-understood, what about the treat?"

"There's none!"

"Aaah~"

The two of them broke down in tears. I made it for them last time since it was terrible, but I won't do such a sweet thing again.

Now that they've mastered "Flit," let's head to the capital!

Chapter 113: Regular contact from Burn

Now, I'm riding on Jin's divine beast form (Unicorn Kai). Finn and Iris are riding on Rikka's divine beast form (Griffin).

The wyverns are happily chatting with Finn, Iris, and Rikka. I wonder if something good happened during their patrol earlier?

"Jin, the wyverns are chatting happily with Rikka, did something happen?"

"We were just bored, so we had a race with the wyverns. Even though they are slower than us in terms of speed, they can easily evade obstacles from time to time. Their method of evasion is so flawless that the gap between us gradually closed, and both Rikka and I became a little anxious. In the end, we barely won. We underestimated the wyverns. After the race, they taught us how to evade obstacles, and we became friends."

It's good that they became friends. But where did they have the race? There must be some parts of the ground involved if there were obstacles, right?

"Jin, where did you have the race?"

"We ran over Redenburg. We passed through some unpopular canyons, but we didn't cause any trouble."

"As long as you didn't cause any trouble for the beastmen, it's fine. Well, it's good that you became friends."

If they had caused trouble, they would have received a memorable grilling attack.

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Oh, this is from Burn-san. We'll finally find out what the Doping Hero and Doping Saintess mean.

"Burn-san, can you explain the reasons for the Doping Hero and Saintess?"

"Well, let me explain it sequentially. After we passed through the Great Forest, we arrived at Martique, the capital of the Sylphiel Kingdom. There, the guild master gave us a request. Adventurers who headed to a certain village did not return, and they wanted us to investigate the cause."

I see, that's where it all started.

"As soon as we arrived at the village, we felt a strange gaze. At that time, we didn't know what it was. We searched the area around the village, but we didn't find anything. The change occurred just before dinner. Haruto felt a strange presence from some of the villagers. He tried to investigate further, but he couldn't feel anything."

Haruto felt a strange presence from the villagers, but they couldn't find anything even after investigating.

"Then, there was a big movement during dinner. There was a 2 cm diameter black fruit in the soup, and I, Riffia, Haruto, and Mika ate it without any problem. But Yoshiteru and Shinya almost died. Yumi didn't eat it."

Almost died! That's not good. What's this black fruit?

"Thanks to Haruto, Yoshiteru and Shinya are safe. We also found out what the black fruit is. It's called Toifelberry, and a demon is inside it. Those who eat it will be mentally invaded and taken over by the demon. After being taken over, the demon and the person will fight inside their body, and if the demon wins, they will take over all of the abilities of the person they possessed, and their body will completely integrate with the demon. According to what Haruto saw, there are

two ways to defeat the demon. One is to kill the person after integration, and the other is to have Sasha herself or someone with her protection eat it, and the demon will be defeated. Once the demon is defeated, the person integrated with it will turn into ashes."

So the demon was summoned in the form of Toifelberry. But why didn't they just summon it directly?

"Burn-san, why does the demon take the troublesome method of possessing someone's body?"

"Even though I'm curious about that, I don't know. What I do know is that in every different world, the Demon King is always defeated by the hero. After the defeat of the Demon King, the demon tribe is always bullied by other races.

Because of that, all the demon tribes in every different world have come to one thought: 'If there is a hero who can defeat the Demon King, then there must be someone who can defeat the hero.' That thought mixed together in the space between dimensions and gave birth to the demons. Probably, because they were born in the space between dimensions, they may not have a physical form. They have been summoned numerous times in other different worlds, and have buried many heroes. My intuition tells me that when they are summoned in any different world, they are not directly summoned but rather indirectly summoned like Toifelberry, and then they possess and integrate with someone."

"Well, it's a vicious cycle. Don't the gods in every different world come up with a way to achieve peace? Or are they just leaving it alone for their own entertainment? And the demons, Burn-san's intuition is probably correct. It wouldn't make sense to mention Toifelberry otherwise. Somehow, I understand the meaning behind the repeated mentions of 'doping hero' and 'doping saint.'"

"Could it be that you ingested a large amount of Toifelberry before defeating the demons?"

"You're right. After explaining it to the village chief, he gathered a large amount of Toifelberry, about 3kg. Those of us with blessings

probably ate close to 100 pieces each. I and Riffia suspected it, but Haruto and Mika were confused."

"Oh haha, so you challenged the demons in a state where you suddenly increased your power?"

"Yeah, Riffia and I had a hunch, but Haruto and Mika were bewildered."

Well, of course they were bewildered.

"Well, we would have been in trouble if we didn't consume a large amount. The demons we faced this time were intermediate-level with a basic ability value of about 50,000. Riffia and I reached around 300,000, while Haruto and Mika reached around 130,000. The two of them didn't experience any difficulties and suddenly increased their power by almost 10 times, which is why they were called doping heroes and doping saintesses."

Well, that's to be expected. I've never heard of a hero who became stronger just by eating in an online novel. It's a given that they gain strength through accumulating experience and losing comrades. Kubo-kun, Ryusaki-kun, and Yumi would be furious. I want to give them my protection too, but I'm sorry.

"I see, so they became the 'doping hero' and 'doping saint.' Burn-san, please tell them 'Thank you for your hard work, doping hero and doping saint' from now on."

"Hehehe, I'll be sure to tell them."

"But with this, you should be able to meet with the high elves without any problem now."

"Yeah, but I'm worried about what will happen afterwards."

"That depends on the other party. If it looks like a fight will break out

because they're actually Sae and Tsutomu, please mention my name. They should also have an idea that something has happened to Ryoichi Suzumi. Ideally, I want to resolve it through dialogue."

Demons, huh? In that case, those assassins sent from Alteheim must have been demons for sure.

"Burn-san, I also have a report. I just encountered a group riding on three wyverns. When they saw me, both the wyverns and the riders were frightened and crashed. At the crash site, there were three wyverns, but the riders were nowhere to be seen, only ashes remained."

"What, ash!? Then, what about Alteheim?"

"At worst, it's probably become a nest of demons. Redenburg looks peaceful on the surface, but we can't say for sure what the situation is. I want to meet the king of Redenburg and confirm the situation."

"So, for Sasha's part, something might happen between Redenburg and Alteheim. As for us, there's a possibility that we might have to fight depending on the situation during the audience with the high elves."

"Big moves may occur from here on out."

"Burn-san, please avoid fighting. You won't be able to win no matter what!"

"Even though we've become stronger, we don't intend to fight against over 10 million people! Be careful over there too."

The ranks of demons include lower, middle, upper, emperor, and king. If the middle tier is 50,000, then the king tier should be a considerable value. Don't let your guard down."

"I understand. I will thoroughly crush them when I find them. Also, please learn how to use Void Magic as soon as possible."

"Oh, if we can master this, we can become even stronger. We need to make the heroes even stronger."

"Oh, Burn-san and everyone are full of fighting spirit. Keep up the training!"

After finishing communication with Burn-san, I was thinking about the demons. Considering how Burn-san and the others suddenly became stronger, the basic ability value of a low-level demon is probably around 20,000. If a middle-level demon is around 50,000, then the upper-level, imperial, and royal level demons must have very high ability values.

Perhaps, at the imperial level, they might even be stronger than the Evil King. I'm not sure if Finn and the others can win against them right now. First, let's train void magic here in Redenburg and increase our skill levels.

T/N : Imperial = Emperor, Royal = King, I don't know why Emperor level is mentioned before King level.

"Rikka, come over here next to Jin."

"Okay!"

"Master, is something wrong?"

"I received communication from Burn-san and it seems that the demons were already summoned into this world by the god."

"What?!?!"

I told everyone the flow of the story I heard from Burn-san.

"Master, if Toifelberry has spread to all the countries, what about Redenburg and Alteheim?"

"I don't know about Redenburg at the moment, but considering the worst-case scenario, Alteheim is highly likely to become a nest of demons and evil tribes."

It would be tough for Finn, but it would be better to tell him at this point.

"What?!"

"We have to inform Eleanor-sama of the Thermia Kingdom, the Emperor of the Gardia Empire, and Will-san and others.

Then, through Eleanor-sama, we must inform the King of the Thermia Kingdom, the Demon King of the Remnant Magic Country, and the King of Sylphiel Kingdom and other countries. If we don't do it quickly enough, it may be too late."

I immediately communicated with Eleanor-sama, the Emperor, and Will-san in that order. When I informed them that the demons had already been summoned, they were all shocked.

"What?!"

"What did you say?!"

"What did you say?!"

I explained that the demons were first summoned as Toifelberry in the trees and by eating it, they could take over the body of the person who ate it and eat their spirit to become one with the person. Then, I taught them three methods to defeat the demons.

1. Those with my protection can defeat them by eating them.
2. Regarding possession, use Void Magic to designate only the demon as the target, and if it hits a person, they can defeat the demon. However, in that case, you must destroy the demon's core inside the person's body.
3. Regarding unity, since the spirit has been eaten, it is impossible to save the person. Simply aim for the core with Void Magic, just like with possession, to defeat it.

Will-san and the others who possess my protection showed reluctance. It was a natural reaction since it's not common for people to willingly eat demons. However, after I said, "By eating them, you can gain strength," they reluctantly agreed. I asked everyone to be quick to respond before the worst-case scenario happens. Currently, people under my protection include Prince Keith of the Gardia Empire, Ariel-san of the Thermia Kingdom, four people from Will-san's party in the Demon Nation of Remnant, and four people from Sakuragi-kun's party in the Sylphiel Kingdom, so it should be alright.

Since they're not in other countries, they should work hard for the emperor.

"As for Toifelberry, Finn and Iris have my protection, so there's no problem. Lich, Rikka, and Jin have contracted with me, so they have an effect equivalent to my protection, so there's no problem. Therefore, when we arrive in Redenburg..."

"Waiiiit, master. Could it be...?"

"That's right, we're going to eat them. You should forget about them being demons and think of them as delicious fruit."

"Onee-sama, we haven't heard everything yet. They don't look like fruit to us!"

"Jin, you're okay, right? We can eat them heartily, right?"

"Of course. I can eat hundreds, thousands of them."

Upon hearing those words, Finn and Iris turned pale.

"Hundreds, thousands!!!"

"Both of you, just give up. We're doing this for the people of Redenburg and Alteheim."

"Ugh, understood, master. We'll eat the demons for everyone's sake!"

"Um, yes, understood, Onee-sama. We'll think of Toifelberry as fruit and eat it."

Okay, that's fine. It feels like I'm threatening them, but it's for the best.

"Um, Sasha-sama, we're almost arriving at the capital city," the wyverns said.

Looking ahead, I saw a large city.

Is that the capital city of Redenburg? That's where Finn's parents are.

We'll be staying in this city for a while from now on.

And after the emotional reunion with Finn and her family, let's go defeat some demons!

Chapter 114: Finn reunites with her family

Redenburg's capital city has a different atmosphere from the capital cities of the Thermia Kingdom and the Gardia Empire. Even in other cities, there's a strange feeling of being integrated with the greenery. The walls of each house in the city are covered with ivy, and the exterior is covered with leaves. Even the royal castle is covered with ivy and leaves on the outside, making it look like something out of a

maze tower. Is this Finn's hometown?

"Wyverns, maintain your altitude. Jin and Rikka, lower your altitude a bit so that we can be seen by the citizens."

"Hai!"

"Wow, this is the royal capital! It's been a year since I've been here. I've come back!"

"Whoa, this is my first time seeing it from above. It's magnificent!"

The residents are coming out and looking over here. They seem to be more welcoming than cautious. Everyone's faces look relaxed. I wonder what they're saying? Let me listen with my skill.

"Finn-sama, Finn-sama has returned!"

"Amazing, are those three wyverns and that one something other than just unicorns or griffins? They look divine!"

"The beautiful lady next to Finn-sama is Sasha-sama! As rumored, she's so beautiful!"

"Finn-sama, look over here!"

"I heard that Sasha-sama, who helped Finn-sama, has the power to instantly defeat S-class evil tribes!"

"Seriously! Then we can win the war against Alteheim! "

"Oh yeah, Redenburg can win!"

Hmm, it seems that the emperor talked to the King of Redenburg about various things and then told the citizens. I wonder if they've been informed about me becoming a new goddess. I have my

[reverence] skill on before entering the royal capital, but I wonder if anyone is afraid of me. It seems that the war with Alteheim is about to happen. If that's the case, Alteheim is still...Let's not tell Finn about it for now. It would ruin her reunion with her family.

"Everyone seems to be welcoming us."

"Yes! Luckily, I don't see anyone strange from here."

One of the wyverns lowered its altitude a bit.

"Sasha-sama, there's a wide area at the edge of the royal castle, please land there."

"Jin, Rikka, land over there."

"Hai!"

As we approached the royal palace, we saw two men and women in their forties who were different from the knights and had a pleasing expression on their faces. The two men and two women (both around 20 and 15 years old, respectively) were on their side. Oh, they said they were a family of five siblings.

"Finn, who are those two?"

"Oh, that's my father and mother! My older brother and sister are here too! I've come back...we can meet again."

Oh dear, she's crying.

"Finn-nee, I'm glad you could reunite with your family."

"Uh, yeah...uh...it's good...everyone is okay."

Sorry to interrupt Finn's happiness, but one of the members in the

square has been taken over (assimilated?/possessed by demon?), and three have been integrated. From my point of view, it's easy to distinguish between takeover and integration. However, with Finn and Iris' current abilities, it might be difficult to tell without concentrating.

T/N : Ugh, what's the difference between taken over and integrated? Maybe you can conclude something in your mind.

(gomen huhu)

"Sasha-sama."

"Leave them alone for now."

The integrated ones are moving to the back to avoid my respect skill, and the takeover one seems odd. It looks like two different types of magic are coexisting rather than fighting each other. Since everyone is here, I can't defeat them here, so let's keep an eye on them.

As we approached the square, we could see that many people were happy about Finn's return.

"Finn, show off your 'Flit' here and come hug your family."

"Yes!"

Finn flew off from Rikka and flew through the air with the wyverns.

"Everyone, I have returned stronger thanks to the power of Sasha-sama. I can even fly now. I won't worry you all anymore."

"Uoooooh, it's Finn-sama's return~"

"Now, let's land."

Along with Finn and the wyverns, we landed on the ground, and Jin

took on human form while Rikka took on beastman form.

"——Father, Mother~~"

This reunion scene feels like slow motion. I'm even crying. Finn went straight to her parents and hugged them. Finn, the king, and the queen were all moved to tears.

"Finn, you've returned well. I've been waiting for this moment to see you again, after hearing from the Thermia Kingdom's King, Sphere Church's Eleanor-sama, and the Gardeia Empire's Emperor. Welcome back, Finn."

"Finn-chan, welcome back. It must have been hard until you met Sasha. I'm sorry I couldn't find you."

"It's okay, it's okay, because we can meet like this again. And I can meet everyone again. Uuu~uwaaaahhh-"

It's good that Finn was able to reunite with her parents. Finn cried for a while after reuniting with her parents after a year.

After Finn stopped crying, the king and queen finally turned to us. The king had a slightly stern atmosphere and a dignified appearance, as he was also a beastman with ears on his head and a fluffy tail on his backside, with thick eyebrows and a mature face. The queen had a soft demeanor and a gentle atmosphere, especially with her narrow and impressive eyes.

"I'm Sasha Falling. After helping Finn in the Thermia Kingdom and giving her divine protection, I trained her thoroughly."

"I can tell from Finn's atmosphere. Thank you, Sasha, for bringing Finn back safely. We couldn't pick up any clues even with our information network. When we first heard about Finn's discovery from the Thermia Kingdom, we wanted to rush over immediately, but there was still punishment for those who had ensnared Finn. After hearing that Sasha herself would be accompanying Finn back, we thoroughly

defeated the evil tribe and now there is no one trying to ensnare Finn anymore. Finn, you can live without worrying about the evil tribe anymore."

"Yes, Father!"

When the king finished speaking, the queen spoke up.

"Sasha, thank you so much for helping Finn-chan. We were finally able to reunite. Looking at Finn-chan's face like this, I can see that her face and atmosphere are completely different from before. She's gained a considerable strength."

"Yes, there are still areas where she lack experience, but Finn right now would be able to easily subdue an S-class evil tribe even if they were to attack."

"Finn-chan, really?"

"Yes, with my current abilities, I can easily defeat S-class evil tribes. As for me, I am more afraid of Sasha-sama's punishment during training than fighting against S-class evil tribes. It tears my heart apart. "

"Can we not talk about punishment here? And Iris, don't nod along like that!"

Ah, the queen was facing Finn's way with a scowl on her face.

"---Sasha, please tell me later what kind of training you did and what kind of punishment you gave."

"Even though you call it punishment, it's really nothing to me."

"That's not true at all"

Finn, Iris, and Rikka all chimed in together.

After that, Finn was reunited with her siblings and we all introduced ourselves. Finn's siblings include: 1. Holcus Redenburg - the first prince and crown prince, 20 years old

2. Sauros Redenburg - the second prince, 18 years old

3. Rebecca Redenburg - the first princess, 16 years old

4. Adelina Redenburg - the second princess, 14 years old

5. Finn Redenburg - the third princess, 12 years old

The conversation started with thanking Finn for my help, but it soon turned into stories from Finn's childhood. We talked about things like until what age Finn wet the bed, how she secretly cooked and made the king faint, and how she climbed the walls of the castle. These would become Finn's dark history. Towards the end, Finn's face turned red with anger towards her siblings. One thing was clear, Finn was definitely loved by her family. When I pointed this out,

"Of course! Finn is our healing (mine)!"

All four of them harmonized and said it. Finn was so embarrassed that her face turned bright red again. So Finn is a source of healing for them. I can understand that somehow.

The conversation calmed down and Finn led us to our rooms. The room we were staying in was so luxurious, it was like a hotel suite. Jin and Rikka were in the next room.

I should turn off my reverence(respectful) skill. If it's still activated,

even the demons will know where I am.

"Onnee-sama, Finn-nee seemed happy. I was moved too."

"Yes, it's been a year since she last saw each other. But----"

"What is it?"

"I've already found them. The demons that Burn-san mentioned."

"What?! I didn't even notice!"

"If you search for the magical power within the bodies of the beastmen, you should be able to tell immediately. There's an abnormal fluctuation in it, so you should be able to feel it. It's clearly different, so Finn and Iris should be able to tell the difference."

Even with the magical power detection skill, normal adventurers would not be able to tell. You would need at least a level of around 15-20 for the magical power detection skill.

"I understand. I will look into it more deeply. Who are the people who have been assimilated or taken over?"

I told Iris about the three people who have been assimilated and the one who has been taken over.

"What! Never mind about the three who have been assimilated, is that person really taken over? Does Finn-nee realize it?"

"Not yet. For now, let's keep an eye on the situation."

"Poor Finn-nee."

"Shall we explain the situation to everyone and get it over with

quickly?"

"No, Onee-sama! There is an order to these things."

"Well, I suppose you're right."

For now, let's explain about the demons to the king and queen.

"First, let's explain about the demons to the king and queen."

"Yes."

There are four things we need to do in Redenburg:

1. Defeat the demons
2. Investigate the Sphere and the evil gods at the world's oldest ruins
3. Visit two ruins and listen to the message of the Sphere
4. Avoid war with Alteheim

The problems that need to be resolved urgently are the defeat of the demons and the avoidance of war. Let's focus on these for now. Finn is probably spending time with her family, so let's leave her alone.

"Onee-sama, did the three who were assimilated run away?"

"No, they are living in the castle like normal. They are probably panicking because of my arrival. They are most likely assassins from Alteheim. Well, judging from their magic power, they are at least intermediate-level demons, so for future experience, Finn and Iris should defeat them for the intermediate-level demons."

"Understood. They can serve as a test for the upgraded short sword,

Izayoi, that onee-sama improved for me. I've become used to killing people, so it's not a problem."

Finn should be fine too.

"You can freely move the core, which is the vital point, so make sure to properly identify it. You should be able to do it without any problems since you have also acquired swordsmanship through special training."

"Yes! I will show you by defeating them!"

Okay, let's also explain it to Finn.

"Oh, and don't forget to mention the assassins from Alteheim."

"Isn't Prince Leon, Finn-nee's fiance, in Redenburg?"

"He should be here. We should also inform Prince Leon and the king about the current situation in Alteheim."

There are a lot of things to do, but let's do our best!

Chapter 115: Who was taken over?

Currently, Rikka and Jin are in Iris's room with me. While Finn is spending time with her family, we're talking about cooking since we have some free time.

"Sasha-sama, what kind of cuisine are you planning to spread in Redenburg?"

Rikka likes to talk about cooking more than demons.

"Well, in the Thermia Kingdom, we focused on fried food, while in the Gardia Empire, we focused on Chinese cuisine.

So, in Redenburg, I want to make ramen, aside from teaching the hamburger curry rice we made before."

"Onee-sama, what is ramen?"

It's hard to explain ramen. I'll use my illusion magic "Illusion" to show it to you.

"It's hard to imagine even if I explain it, so I'll show you an illusion. My favorite ramen is a seafood and pork bone ramen, but even that might not give you a good idea. Just wait a moment."

Yes, that's perfect! It's the ramen from that shop! I've tried making pork bone ramen at home before, but it can't compare to the ramen from a professional shop. So, I tried to make my own version with some adjustments. My whole family loved it, but it was tiring to make the noodles and soup by hand.

"Wow, Onee-sama, is this ramen?!"

"Sasha-sama, it looks really delicious!"

"Is this...ramen? Are these two women your friends?"

"Yes, they are Mika Shimazaki and Yuumi Fukiyama, who are currently traveling with the hero. This is an imaginary image of the three of us eating ramen together."

The problem is whether I can make ramen in this world. It's probably fine with the pork bones from the orcs and seasonings. The problem is the noodles. The taste, texture, and color of the noodles can differ greatly depending on whether kansui is available or not. I want to make and share many kinds of ramen in Redenburg. However, I can only make basic soy sauce, salt, pork bone, and miso ramen. Even the taste probably won't compare to that of a professional.

Will they like it?

"Ah, forget about demons, I just want to eat ramen!"

"Onee-sama, I want to eat ramen too! I want to experience the sensation of it sliding down my throat!"

"Ugh, what is this sight?!"

"Oh Finn, are you done with your family talk?"

"Yes, we talked for a while. Leon-sama will come later. Father and the others have moved to the conference room and are waiting for master. By the way, what is that delicious-looking dish that those two women are eating so quickly?"

"Here's a dish that we plan to spread in Redenburg. The dish is called ramen."

"Ramen? It looks so delicious. I want to experience that slurping sensation in my mouth. Oh, the soup looks so delicious too. Master, will you make it for us right away?"

"No, we have to defeat the demons in Redenburg and Alteheim before we can make ramen. "

"Whaaat?!"

Given the urgency of the situation, let's take care of the demon issue first. There are other reasons as well.

"To do that, our current strength is not enough. Finn and Iris are probably at the level of high-ranking demons, while Ritch, Jin, and Rikka are probably at the level between emperor and king-ranking. I've never actually met them, so I can't say for sure, but we need to

make you stronger. After the training for Void Magic is finished, I will personally train you."

"Ma-Master herself---"

"Onee-sama herself---"

"Sasha-sama herself----"

Why are all three of them turning pale?

"After you have overcome my training and defeated the demons, I'll make ramen for you as much as you like."

"Really, Master!?"

"Onee-sama, when will that be?"

"I have no idea! It depends on your motivation. Until then, we'll stick to the dishes we've had so far or Redenburg's cuisine."

"Sasha-sama, you'll make it for us as much as we want once we've overcome it?"

"Sasha-sama, I want to confirm that too!"

"Yes, I'll make as much as you want! A woman never goes back on her word!"

Actually, to be honest, I can't make ramen right now! We'll have to start by finding the ingredients, so it will be a while before it's ready. Since everyone's level is over 50, it should be harder to increase their values from now on. It will probably take about a month to get to a certain level of strength. Let's look for the ingredients during that time.

At that time, I overlooked three things. One is Finn and Iris's abnormal obsession with ramen, or rather their appetite. The other two are ○○○○○ and ○○○○○○○○. With these three oversights, I would later have a tragic experience, but I wasn't thinking about it at the time.

It seems that the preparations of His Majesty the King and the Queen have been completed, so we are heading to the conference room where they usually hold their discussions. Normally, we would go to the audience room and receive commendations and medals, but I declined when we were talking in the square. For now, we just asked for a reward for our future lives. Money is important, you know.

When we arrived at the entrance of the conference room and the door opened, everyone, including His Majesty the King and the Queen, was kneeling. And this sight!

"Thank you, Goddess Sasha, for saving Finn!"

What was the point of our conversation in the square?

"Please raise your heads, everyone. The same thing happened to the Emperor of the Gardia Empire."

"Of course. A new Goddess has descended in place of the Goddess Sphere. We haven't announced it to the public due to current circumstances, but we beastmen will continue to worship the new Goddess Sasha in the future."

I had heard that the beastmen worshiped the goddess, but not to this

extent. The eyes of everyone, including the King who was talking to me, were different from those of the Emperor of the Gardia Empire. They were clearly the eyes of seeing a certain religious leader. Let's behave like a goddess here.

I turned on the respectful skill. He is in a state of possession, so they won't turn to ashes.

"I have certainly received your worship. However, as I am currently traveling in the lower world, could you please treat me normally until I have defeated my enemy?"

"Y-Yes, understood. Everyone, please raise your heads. Until the enemy goddess Saria is defeated, we will treat you the same way as we did in the square earlier."

Hmm, I feel like they are looking at me a bit less fearfully, but they still have worshipful eyes. In the case of the emperor, he treated me normally from here on, but I wonder how it will be here?

"Sasha also knows, but here in Redenburg and Alteheim, we worship the goddess Sphere-sama. However, when we received an urgent communication from the Gardia Empire Emperor, we heard that Sphere-sama was harassed by people summoned from another world, fell ill, and was expelled from Spheretalia. I couldn't believe my ears."

It's not as friendly as the emperor's attitude, but it seems to be the same as the response in the square. The emperor expressed it as being "expelled" by the king of Redenburg, which might be better. It's hard to say that the 'object of worship' lost to evil and ran away."

"I apologize for the inconvenience caused by the summoners from the same other world as me. One of the summoners from another world, Ryoichi Suzumi, has been defeated. He's just confined to a certain area, and all skills and magic are prohibited, and he's left alone until he dies of old age without water or food. By the way, all the emotions that well up become my energy. It's a state of neither living nor dying. I'm treating him the same as I did with the zombies so far."

"I've heard about the Zombie House, but the punishment is severe."

"The current problem is the demon summoning. Demons have already been summoned in the Sylphiel Kingdom, and the party of heroes has succeeded in defeating some of them."

Now, only members and royalty are here. There is a person here who has taken over. My respectful skill is activated, but there seems to be a part of the beastman's soul protecting the demon's soul. Let's investigate here.

"Oh, I heard about that too earlier. It seems that by eating Toifelberry, you will be possessed by a demon and eventually integrated with it."

"Well, that makes it easy. There is someone here who has been possessed by a demon now!"

As soon as I said that, everyone started to make noise.

"Ma-master, is it true?"

"Onee-sama, are you really saying that here and now?"

"Everyone in this room is a member of the royal family. That's why I have to say it. Moreover, that person is protecting the demon from my reverence skill. Depending on the answer..."

Just as I was about to say that I would only kill the demon depending on the answer, the queen stepped forward.

"Sasha-sama, please wait. Everyone here looks healthy, and it doesn't seem like they are possessed by a demon!"

Queen, you're misunderstanding. Even if it means killing someone, I'll do whatever it takes to protect my family. Oh, the possessed person is trying to intervene.

"Wait, wait, wait! I'll tell you everything, so please don't kill me."

"Who said I was going to kill you, Your Majesty? I was planning to only kill the demon if it was possessed depending on the answer. With the Void Magic I developed, I can target only the demon in case of possession."

「Naa!」

The king and queen are taken aback.

"Ahahaha, this is bad! I ended up saying it myself!"

"You!"

"Father!"

"Your Majesty!"

"Phew, is my father possessed?"

Hmm, everyone except Finn seems to know what's going on. Yes, despite being possessed, the king looks healthy and energetic.

"Oh, right. I'm possessed by a demon. But not just any demon. Before that, Sasha, can you turn off your Reverence skill?

Even if I protect him, it seems quite difficult."

"Understood."

There seems to be a reason for this. Let's turn off the Reverence skill just in case.

"This should be fine."

"I appreciate it. With this, he can come out to the surface. Please wait a little longer."

Then, the atmosphere of the king changed. The strictness of being a king disappeared, and a free-spirited atmosphere drifted.

"Phew, that was close! With just Reverence, I lost half of my stamina. Sasha, I am the demon who possessed King Harkis, the Demon King Ragius. And, my name in my previous life was Moroki Akitoshi, just like you, from Japan."

"What do you say?!"

"Ahahaha, that's surprising, isn't it? I died in a traffic accident in 2000, but when I woke up next, I was in the demon's stronghold in the dimensional gap. I never thought I would be reincarnated as a demon."

He's not lying. It's too bad that he died in a traffic accident and was reincarnated as a demon. Well, since he's from Japan and doesn't feel like a bad guy, there's no need to subdue him---probably.

For now, we need to talk to Ragius---I mean, Akitoshi about various things.

Chapter 116: Meeting with Demon King Ragius

Devil King Ragius, a Japanese in his past life, Akitoshi Moroki.

"Haah, so let me ask you directly, are you on our side?"

"Directly, huh? Yeah, I'm on your side."

On our side?

"On what grounds? Isn't it the root of demons to exterminate heroes?"

And you, as the highest-class demon king, it's hard to believe you just like that."

"Kuku, when I was Moroki Akihito in my past life, I was into mixed martial arts. I learned and mastered various martial arts from all over the world. At that time, I learned how to control my heart. If I may mention some famous ones, it would be meditation in a Zen temple or waterfall training. The impulse to kill heroes is certainly there in my heart, but it's easy to control it."

Hmm, he didn't lie.

"I see, if the beastmen trust you, I'll believe you for now. But if you betray us, I'll defeat you mercilessly!"

"I won't betray you. I just want to fight strong opponents, but Sasha is too strong for me. Just feeling your Reverence skill drained my stamina. If it weren't for Hakis protecting me, I would have been in serious trouble. It's only been about four months since I was summoned, but I didn't expect to meet the strongest one already."

"That's my line! I just heard about demons today, and I didn't expect to meet the highest-class one right away."

"Kuku, looks like we'll get along well."

"Hehe, indeed."

"Ah, Sasha-sama, what about the subjugation of Ragius?"

Ah, the royal family is worried about Ragius.

"Your Highness, I won't defeat Ragius, so please rest assured."

Hearing that, all the royal family members were relieved. It seems that Redenburg is peaceful because of him.

"That's a relief. Ragius-sama protected Redenburg from the hands of the evil tribe. After Finn went missing, we searched for the evil tribe's hideouts while defeating them in villages and towns. Then, Riffia told us the truth, and we interrogated Sophia Alenshar. It was just a matter of hypnotizing her and extracting information about the evil tribe, but we found out their hideouts. The king himself went to defeat them, but I heard there were two S-class ones. When everyone was in trouble, it was Ragius-sama within the king who helped us."

So he did help them after all.

"Ah, I thought there were interesting people here. I wanted to go outside after a long time, so I replaced Hakis when he fainted. That's how I ended up fighting the S-class ones, but honestly, it was disappointing. They all died with one hit. At first, I thought they were just playing around, but I was surprised that they were really dead!"

For the Redenburg royal family, Ragius is considered a hero.

"The S-class in this otherworldly Spheretalia is equivalent to the power of a low-class demon. It's like a mid-class demon king in the old days."

"Seriously! I didn't think they would be so weak, but the evil tribe here is too weak!"

"It's because the species of 【demons】 with a strong sense of purpose to eliminate all the heroes from different worlds are strong!"

"Then, what category does Sasha fall into? You're obviously too strong! At least 10 times stronger than me."

"Well, in my case, I started out as a Japanese person, then became an evil god, and then a goddess."

"What the heck! How did that happen?"

Well, it's a long story. I briefly explained the process up until now, but I didn't tell them my name in Japan.

"Ah, I see. That's unfortunate for Sasha. Well, at least you became stronger, right? Think positively! So, the evil goddess Saria and the evil summoners from another world are the masterminds. The guy who summoned us claimed to be a god,

but he was a man. So, it must be the summoners from another world. If it's Sasha, you can forcefully enter the management world and kill everyone. The man who claimed to be a god was only about half as strong as me."

Oh, that's good information. From what I saw, Ragius's strength is about 30 million. The strength of the summoners from another world is between 10 to 20 million. Oh, wait, if that's the case, then I have about 300 million, right?

"I don't know the coordinates of the management world. It's possible to cut off space from here and search for the management world's different space, but it takes a lot of effort and time."

"Oh, I see. In that case, it's faster to listen to the message in the ruins."

Oh, by the way, we've been talking just the two of us. When I looked around, the queen and Finn's siblings were happily chatting with my companions in a distant place. I'm concerned that the queen and others are listening to Finn's story seriously. Well, let's talk about demon-related matters here. First of all, I want to ask about: 1. What happens to demons when they are summoned?

2. Can you use your power to send demons back to the dimensional space?

3. Are the integrated ones in Redenburg our allies?

4. What is the relationship with the demons in Alteheim?

Shall we ask one by one?

"Hey, Ragius, can I ask you some questions from here?"

"Sure, go ahead. I've only been asking about Sasha's situation."

"First of all, when demons are summoned, they don't have a physical form and exist only in the dimensional space, right?"

"That's a little different. The habitat of demons is indeed in the dimensional space of some dimension. There is also a physical form. However, they can maintain their physical form in the dimensional space, but in another world, the dimension is different, so they are not recognized by anyone. We can sense their presence, but we cannot interfere.

Therefore, when summoned to another world, they are transformed into something that can correspond to that world by the summoner."

"So, the demons have become Toyfelberry."

"That's right. Since the summoner was a god, at least 10,000 demons have been summoned."

What do you say!

"More than 10,000! What is the summoner thinking?"

Isn't it stupid? I don't understand why they would summon that many.

"Let me be clear. The summoner is a Japanese. And... a fool. He said this: [Recently, I'm getting tired of just summoning heroes and sealing the evil king repeatedly. And it's only the evil tribe that is being defeated, so it's a bit pitiful.

Sometimes, I want to see a scene where the hero is defeated and the world falls into chaos. The demons don't have to defeat the hero

immediately, so let's have fun in this world in the meantime.]"

That's annoying! Both Ryoichi Suzumi and this Japanese, why do they look down on this world? They really see it as a game.

"Hey, what's the name of that guy?"

"His name was Shinataro Myouji. I don't know when he was summoned. His face and personality both annoyed me, so I wanted to kill him immediately, but I couldn't interfere. After that, I was immediately turned into Toyfelberry and became a fruit on some tree. If I meet him again, I'll kill him!"

"I agree. They're underestimating us. Anyway, let's move the conversation forward.

"Can't you use your power to send the summoned demons back to their own dimension?"

"That's impossible. There are two ways to send us back to the dimensional rift. One is to kill the hero, and the other is to kill the summoner."

"I see. So, we just have to kill Shintaro Myouji, then. Do you know where he is?"

"I don't know exactly where he is. However, he may be in Alteheim. Six spies have infiltrated this castle and are now free to move around. From what I overheard, the palace in Alteheim has become a nest of demons. I don't know about the capital or other cities, but there are probably a lot of integrated beastmen. And the guy sitting on the throne in the castle is the demon king Belial, who has merged with the king himself."

Belial sounds like an Earth word. Is there any connection?

"So, he's likely to be connected to Shintaro Myouji, one of the masterminds?"

"Yeah, the only hope is that the second prince, Leon, is here with us. Even if the royal family is wiped out, we can still restore it. Leon is at the academy. He was trying to leave on his own when he heard about Alteheim, but his friends stopped him. He should be here soon."

Finn should be listening to this too. I want to meet him soon.

"By the way, you said there were six spies, right?"

"Yes, but why?"

"On the way here, three demons came to assassinate Finn. They turned to ashes when they approached me."

"They're stupid. Don't they know how to assess their opponent's strength? So now, the number of spies is reduced to three."

"They're demons, so I don't understand why they would want to assassinate Finn. If they wanted to start a war, they should have just attacked normally."

"Well, boss Belial or Myouji must be stupid. They probably assassinated Finn to wait for Redenburg to get angry and attack."

That could be true. For me, it's just buying time.

"Is it okay to kill all the demons in Alteheim?"

"Yeah, I don't care. They're not our allies. When I took over Harkis, they spread Toifelberry in Alteheim around the same time. I warned Harkis and contacted Alteheim, but it was too late."

I wonder what happened to the Toifelberry in Redenburg. And what about the beastmen who were possessed by demons?

"The people who were possessed by demons were killed by me after I talked to them. I explained the situation and then killed them. There were about 30 of them. As for Toifelberry in Redenburg, I have all of them in my item box. There were nearly 3000 of them."

"3000 of them!"

"Yeah, I issued a decree in Redenburg that said, 'If you find Toifelberry, transport it to the capital immediately because it's a dangerous drug.' I've collected nearly 3000 in the past four months."

It's strange. The frequency of Toifelberry's appearance seems to vary by country."

Thermia Kingdom and Gardia Empire haven't heard of any discoveries or abnormalities yet. Sylphiel was recently discovered. On the other hand, Alteheim has enough to start a war, although the number is unknown. In Redenburg, there are 3000 of them.

It could be that Shintaro Myouji is the one who concentrated them in Redenburg and Alteheim.

"Well then, we have to eat those 3000 Tofelberries from Redenburg."

"Hey! That's dangerous to eat!"

"No problem. I have bestowed blessings upon my companions, so no matter what demon they eat, they will be defeated instantly."

"Seriously! How abnormal are they? If I was bad, I might have been eaten and disappeared too."

"That's right. You got lucky."

Anyway, we've heard most of the information now. First, we need to:

1. Eat the 3000 Tofelberries from Redenburg
2. Secure three spies and let Finn and Iris defeat them
3. Defeat all the demons in Alteheim

That's about it.

"Thanks, Ragius. We've sorted out what we need to do here."

"Hey, I heard that Sasha is good at cooking?"

Oh, you heard that from the emperor.

"Yes, I'm good at it. I cooked every day when I was in Japan. By the way, I taught them how to make fried food in Thermia Kingdom and Chinese food in Gardia Empire while traveling. Everyone was so happy to eat that they started a war."

"Wow, that's great! What are you going to make here?"

"I'm planning on making ramen."

"Yesss! I love ramen! Make it for me when we're done with the demon stuff!"

"Wait. We don't have the ingredients. We haven't even looked for them."

"That's okay. I secretly checked while Harkis was asleep. We have the ingredients for ramen. We even have miso and kansui! French-style cooking is a bit short on seasonings, but we have everything we need for ramen!"

What are you doing in the king's form? It's fine if it saves time, but...

"After the demon stuff is done, I'll make as much as you want. I promised Finn and the others, too. But can't you change the person you possess? It's suspicious to walk around at night in the form of a king."

"No need to worry. There's a beastman among the three remaining spies who is close to Sasha's age. I'll possess him."

"Is that possible?"

"Yeah, if I've made contact with the person, it's possible. I'll be integrated with him, and if I kill a demon inside him, he'll be mine. I've also acquired the necessary information about Alteheim, so the spies are no longer needed. I'll take care of them later."

Phew, well, it's okay. I'm lucky to have met Ragius. Thanks to him, we've gathered a lot of information. The reason why Redenburg is peaceful is:

1. Ragius informed the king of the information about Tofelberries in advance, minimizing the damage
2. Ragius defeated the boss of the evil tribe instantly, minimizing the damage
Those are the reasons.

Now, let's have everyone eat the Tofelberries and dope up. In my case, I'm already doped up as an evil god, but eating them will probably raise my level significantly.

Chapter 117: Will Ramen Save Leon – Part 1

After the talk with Demon King Ragius was over, the queen seemed to have sensed it and came over to us.

"Sasha-sama, when will you make ramen?"

Hey, Finn and the others, didn't you ask the queen for this?

"We'll make ramen after we defeat the demons in Redenburg and Alteheim."

"In about two hours, Leon, who is Finn's fiancé, will be here. Leon is in a tough mental state due to the situation in Alteheim. Can you make it for him?"

What, and they're planning to eat it themselves too!

"Master, please. I want Leon-sama to feel better even a little bit."

"He'll feel better just by seeing his fiancé Finn, won't he?"

"Onee-sama, that may be true, but if time passes, he'll go back to his old self. Don't you think we should prepare something delicious to make him happy?"

Everyone seems to be in agreement.

"Sasha, I'm also asking you. Can you save Leon's heart? Also, can you save my heart too? Ragius keeps saying he wants to eat it."

He's back to being the king. Ragius, are you that obsessed with eating it?

"Haah, okay. However, I can't guarantee the taste since I don't know how much Ragius can prepare."

"Yayyyyyyy!"

Everyone, including the royal family, is happy. It doesn't feel like we're on the brink of war. Well, if everyone's hearts can be lightened by ramen, I'll make it.

"I'll prepare the ramen. Please introduce me to the chefs, Your Majesty. I'll also tell them."

"Ah, okay."

"Since Finn will reunite with Prince Leon after a year, talk to him a lot."

"Yes! I'm looking forward to seeing him again."

Is it just me, or are they saying they're looking forward to seeing him, but they're actually looking forward to eating the ramen?

○○○ Finn's perspective:

I'm happy that they'll make ramen, but for now, let's put it aside.

It's Leon-sama right now. As far as I heard from my mother, the situation with me, Sophia-sama, and Alteheim overlapped, so it seems to be a very difficult situation. Now that I'm back, I hope his heart will feel a little lighter. If I have time, I'll visit Sophia-sama too. She tried to kill me while being controlled by the Evil tribe, but she's actually a kind person.

"Finn-nee, is the academy close from here?"

"Well, it takes about 30-40 minutes to walk from the royal castle."

"Then why don't we fly to the academy?"

"That's fine, but what about your clothes?"

"It's okay. When I consulted with the queen earlier, she gave me some of Rebecca-sama's unused clothes."

"That's okay then. I'll be in my room, so come over when you're ready."

"Yes!"

"What about Jin-san and Rikka? Are you coming with us?"

"I'll pass. I'll wait in the room for the ramen."

"Me too!"

Hahaha, I feel like those two are obsessed with Master's cooking.

Master and the king went straight to the kitchen. I hope the ramen ingredients are ready. Please, goddess, let the ramen be delicious. Wait, Master is a goddess, right? The fact that a goddess is making it is amazing, isn't it?

Okaa-sama gave me permission to go to school, and when I returned to my room, Iris came in about 10 minutes later.

"Finn-nee, sorry to keep you waiting."

"Well then, shall we go to school?"

"Yes!"

It's definitely comfortable to fly on my own. This sensation of cutting through the wind feels the best!

"Finn-nee, the sky is great. We're flying with our own power, right?"

"That's right. The first time I rode on Rikka's back, I was scared of the height, but I'm used to it now."

The current altitude is probably around 100 meters.

"Oh, Finn-nee, everyone is surprised."

"After we deal with the Goddess issue, we have to tell everyone."

"There's a problem with aptitude, so it's impossible for everyone, as expected."

Ah, that's a sensible opinion. Huh? I can already see the school! It's fast!

"Iris, we arrived at the school in about 5 minutes of flight."

"Eh! Already! Did we fly that fast?"

"Probably because we had a straight path without obstacles."

"I wanted to enjoy flying in the sky a little more."

"Me too."

When we landed at the entrance of the school, all the students were surprised and looking at us. It's been a long time since we've been to school. It's nostalgic when my status didn't go up due to the curse and my clumsiness. Let's tell the guard just in case.

"Finn Redenburg, I have returned. May I enter?"

"Princess Finn, I'm glad you're safe! Please come in. Your companion, please wear this permission badge around your neck."

When Iris and I entered, everyone left their classes and ran towards us. Even the students in the classroom came to the windows one after another.

"Hey, look, it's Princess Finn!"

"Princess Finn, welcome back!"

"Princess Finn, I'm glad you're safe."

Aww, it feels good. I'm back, huh? Wait, why are more and more people coming?

"Fuee-----, everyone's coming down at once!"

"Welcome back, Fuee-----! We've been waiting!"

"Ah, it's been a while! I feel like I've come back to life!"

"Oh, that's true."

"Finn-chan is back to heal us!"

Eh, to heal? Huh? What about Iris?

"I understand. That voice is so healing!"

"You understand too! Then let's join the Finn-chan Fan Club!"

"That's a good idea!"

Ehhhh, She already blended in without me noticing!!

"Huh? The crowd suddenly parted. Someone is coming this way."

It's Leon-sama!!!

"Le-Leon-sama, Leon-sama, Finn Redenburg has returned!"

It's Leon-sama, a little thinner and overall smaller, but still my beloved Leon-sama.

"Welcome back, Finn. I've been waiting for your return. Yes, it's been a year since we parted ways. I've been searching for you all this time. I even used my power as a prince to search for you, but I couldn't find you on my own. However, when Lich suddenly appeared at the academy and I heard that Finn was safe, thanks to the help of S-Class adventurer Sasha-san, I cried tears of joy. And when I heard the full story of why Finn disappeared from me, I hated the evil tribe even more.

Sophia was just being controlled. Can you forgive her?"

"Of course, I forgive her. Sophia-sama did nothing wrong. The Evil tribe is to blame for trampling on her heart."

"I'm glad. Sophia is at the monastery. Please visit her when you have time."

"Yes! -- Leon-sama"

Overwhelmed with emotion, I hugged Leon-sama.

"You really, really came back. I don't want to lose anyone anymore. Thank you for coming back."

"Yes, yes."

"Finn-nee, it's a touching reunion."

"Oh, don't talk to me now."

Oh! I forgot that everyone was gathered here.

"I'm sorry, Leon-sama. I hugged you out of happiness."

"Huh? Oh, no, I was happy too."

"Hahaha."

"[They're really the ideal couple, aren't they?]"

"[Yes, they are.]"

Ugh, the ideal couple? F-Feels so embarrassing.

"By the way, you flew here, right? Is there really a magic that can do that?"

"Yes, I learned it from my [master] Sasha-sama, who helped me. When the Alteheim incident is over, I plan to teach everyone at the academy."

"[Wooow!]"

Did they really think they could fly in the near future? They're so excited.

Afterward, the three of us, Leon-sama, Iris, and I, went to see the headmaster to apologize for interrupting class. We didn't expect everyone to gather so quickly, so we were really surprised. Although class wasn't over yet, we got special permission to walk back to the castle with Leon-sama. Iris flew ahead, probably out of consideration.

On the way to the castle, I asked a question that had been on my mind.

"Leon-sama, you have lost weight since I last saw you, right?"

"Hahaha, of course I have. You disappeared, and our alliance with Alteheim practically fell apart. I heard from Ragius that my father was killed by a demon. Now that demon has merged with my father's body and holds the power. I have no contact with my mother, so I don't know anything about her situation. I can't even go and help my family who are suffering in my hometown. So, I've been training to get stronger, believing that my mother and you are still alive. ---For me now, the fact that you are alive is the greatest happiness."

"The demons in Alteheim, leave them to us. Thanks to our master's training, I can easily defeat S-class evil tribes now.

We'll invade Alteheim and annihilate the demons. And we'll find all members of the royal family in Alteheim."

"That's reassuring. You looked weak due to a status abnormality back then, but now you seem strong," said Leon.

"Leon-sama, please don't call a woman 'strong'"

"Hahaha, you're right,"

He seems down. How's his appetite?

"Could it be that you haven't been eating much?"

"Well, yeah. I've been worried about a lot of things, so I haven't had much of an appetite lately. But now that Finn's back, my heart feels lighter. I can eat anything now!"

"That's good. Then try the ramen that our master has come up with. It's the first time I'm trying it too. Our master's cooking is always delicious!"

Yes, our master's cooking is amazing. Once you try it, you'll be hooked!

"Heh, it's rare for Finn to say that much. "

"In Thermia Kingdom and Gardia Empire, there was even a fight over the food. Especially with the emperor and Prince Keith of Gardia Empire, and the servants. It was a fierce battle,"

"Uh, we're talking about food, right? Not war?"

"Of course, we're talking about food. In Gardia Empire, they made Chinese cuisine, and they were so delicious that there was even a free-for-all"

"I feel a chill just imagining the scene of people fighting over food like that. It must have been really delicious. But we won't have a fight over the ramen we're having today, right?"

"Our master said, 'There will never be a fight over ramen. So take your time and enjoy it'"

But, is there really no fight over it? In the video master showed us, her friends were enjoying it slowly. I think she said something like, "If you want seconds, just say 'kaedama'." Hmm, it's a mystery.

"Oh, we can see the castle now. The ramen might be ready soon"

"I'm looking forward to the ramen!"

Oh, Leon is smiling now. His expression was always stiff at school, but now he's getting closer to the old Leon. Maybe he'll enjoy the ramen too?

○○○ Sasha's perspective

With this, all the steps are done. I made 50 servings of ramen and gyoza as ordered by Ragius and the king, but I wonder if they can eat that much? Also, since this will be dinner, I made gyoza too. After all, what goes best with ramen? Oh, that's right. Let's have the chefs here evaluate the ramen and gyoza. We can trust the professional

evaluation from another world. They're all looking at the ramen and gyoza lustfully right now.

"I have completed the ramen (soy sauce) and gyoza. However, since this is a dish for His Majesty the King to taste, may I have everyone try it first?"

"Sure thing!"

"Yes, but please evaluate it accurately. It's possible that what the people of Redenburg are looking for might be different."

Everyone nodded, and once we had prepared ramen and gyoza (7 pieces per person) for everyone, they began to eat.

Everyone gazed at the finished ramen, and first they drank the soup. I tried it too, and the balance of soy sauce and other seasonings made for a taste that didn't get boring. Next was the orc meat, and...it's not bad. However, the penetration of the sauce into the meat is incomplete. If they can achieve this taste in a short amount of time, it will be a success. I also tried the noodles, and thanks to the kansui, the texture was similar to Japanese ramen. Hmm, with the current ingredients, this taste is pretty good. Even so, it's about 60 points. The firmness of the noodles is a little weak. Ragius said he made it in secret, but he did a good job. However, it's not a taste that satisfies me. Is this good enough for now? Since there will be refill noodles, once they get a little tired of the taste, they can eat gyoza for a nice change of pace and increase their appetite.

I wonder how the chefs judged it?

...Huh? Everyone's bowls are empty! They eat so fast! Everyone's chatting and evaluating it, saying how delicious it is. I still have about half left. I want to hear everyone's evaluation, so I'll have to eat quickly.

After finishing the ramen, I asked everyone for their evaluations. As expected of professionals, they were very observant.

They pointed out a few things that I hadn't noticed. Everyone's evaluation was around 80 points, and mine was 60 points.

Everyone was surprised by that. They asked me to make the 100-point ramen I mentioned, but I refused. The reason is that I can't make it. The ramen I mentioned is from a popular shop featured on TV. There's no way I can make it. As for the gyoza, everyone gave it top marks. They also said that this combination is the best.

Ramen and gyoza can work in another world too!

"Ramen is deep, so please use this taste as a starting point and continue to improve it. This time it's soy sauce-based, but if you make a soup based on miso, salt, or not pork bones but orc bones, it will taste different. You're all professional chefs, so you can definitely do it."

When I said that, as expected of professionals, their eyes lit up. Anyway, let's have them eat this ramen this time.

"Ah, Sasha, were you eating ramen and gyoza?"

Who's that? But this feeling...

"Is that Ragius?"

"Oh, yes. I killed a high-level demon among the beastmen I had my eye on, because it's not good to stay in the king's shadow forever. Damn it, it took me a while to find him. Because of that, I missed out on ramen and gyoza."

"Don't worry. The tasting event earlier was for the chefs to try the food and get feedback."

"Oh, I see. I was so worried!"

The current Ragius is a male beastman around 15 years old. He has a pretty cute face. I don't know how, but he can move.

"You've moved to a boy."

"Of course! I don't want to move to a girl!"

"You don't like TS?"

"What's TS?"

Oh, he wouldn't know since he died in 2000.

"It's a story in a novel where a boy is reincarnated as a girl while retaining his memories."

"What?! Is that popular in your time?"

"Well, it's not popular, but it's written quite a bit online."

"What a world we live in. Well, it's okay because it's a novel. I don't want to experience it in real life, but I feel like I want to read it in a novel."

People inside the royal castle know of Ragius' existence. Of course, the chefs here also know, but they didn't seem to know he could move. When told that this child is Ragius,

"EEEEEEHH!" they shouted loudly. Ragius explained the situation himself, and they were satisfied.

"By the way, you defeated a high-level demon. How strong is it?"

"Well, in this world's numbers, it's about 300,000."

300,000? It's tough for Finn and Iris now.

"300,000 for a high level. Don't do anything for the remaining two demons. I want Finn and Iris to defeat them."

"Oh, that's great. The remaining two are mid-level, about 70,000 to 80,000, so those two should be fine."

"By the way, before tomorrow's full training, I want to feed them Toifel Berry. Can you give me some?"

"Oh, it's okay to eat Toifel Berry, but Sasha, don't use reverence. As soon as you use it, all Toifel Berry will disappear."

"I know that. We will eat all of them, me, Jin, Rikka, Finn, and Iris."

"Oh, come on, Sasha, you're going to eat it too? Isn't you already strong enough?"

"Not yet. I still have room to level up, so I'm going to push myself to the limit."

"Hey, how strong do you want to be?"

"Unless I know the strength of the goddess Saria, I'm going to get as strong as possible."

"Probably that goddess Saria is a subordinate or companion of the goddess Sphere, right? Even if she's strong, she's probably about the same as me. Even now, I feel like you could defeat her with a flick."

Even so, defeating her with a flick seems impossible, right?

"Well, just in case. Since there's a possibility of a stronger enemy than Goddess Saria appearing in the future, I'm going to get as strong as possible."

Yes, since we don't know what will happen in the future, we'll become as strong as possible.

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Now that everything is ready, let's go to the room where the king and others are gathered. The noodles in ramen absorb the soup and stretch easily, so we're gathering in the room closest to the kitchen. When Ragius moves with me, there is a man he doesn't know next to Finn. He's about the same age as me, so maybe he's Prince Leon? I can tell that Finn and he are in a lovey-dovey relationship.

"Everyone, everything is ready."

"Sasha-sama, nice to meet you. I am Leon Alteheim, the fiancé of Finn Redenburg. Thank you for helping Finn."

Wow, as expected of a prince. He already has the aura of a king. However, he's thin and his complexion is bad. He must have been under a lot of stress. I wonder if ramen can relieve him?

"Nice to meet you, I'm Sasha Falling. We're close in age, so you can speak informally."

"Got it, I'll do that. By the way, who's the man behind you?"

"Leon, it's me, it's me?"

"Huh?"

What a scammer.

"That way of speaking, is that Ragius?"

"Yep!"

"EEEEEEEEEEHHHHHHHHHH!"

Except for the king, it's a similar pattern to earlier.

"Among the integrated beastmen, I felt that this guy's body was closest in age to Sasha and Leon, so I killed the upper-level demon inside and moved. Young people are great. It's easier to move than Harkis."

"I don't know what to say as a comment. But it's easier to talk to you that way."

"That's right. Rebecca and Adelina also find it easier to talk to this side. And, I want to tell everyone else too, but you don't have to use titles like 'sama' with Sasha. Just talk to her normally. How about it, Rebecca, Adelina? Is it easier to talk to?"

"Yeah, it's definitely better than father!"

"Yes, it's definitely easier to talk to than father!"

When he saw the king, he seemed to be slightly shocked and was comforted by the queen. Well, it's shocking to be told it's better than father.

"Well then, I'll bring the ramen now. Also, this will be dinner, so I made some dumplings too. They're divided into 7

pieces per person, but there probably won't be enough, so there are 100 on a large plate. Regarding the ramen, we had a tasting earlier, so there are about 35 servings of leftover noodles, right? It's not the taste I'm looking for, but it turned out to be a decent taste. The evaluation score is around 70 points on average. The chefs gave it high marks."

"OOOOOOOOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHH!"

"Okay, Sasha, I'll order right away!"

It seems like Ragius really likes ramen. I hope it's the ramen he's looking for. I returned to the kitchen and brought the ramen to the room with the chefs.

"If anyone wants more noodles, please say 'kaedama.' We'll bring it right away."

"Alright, let's eat!"

With Ragius' voice as a cue, everyone started eating at once.

Slurp slurp

"Ooooh, it's delicious! As Sasha said, it's about 70 points? The meat and soup are a bit unsatisfying, but it's a nostalgic taste! The dumplings eaten together are also delicious! I've been looking forward to this day so much!"

Slurp slurp

"Fe-fe, master, is this really only 70 points? It's already delicious!"

"It's really delicious, but there's still room for improvement! I want to try the ramen that Onee-sama is looking for. And it goes really well with the dumplings."

Everyone nodded. When I looked at Leon, he was eating ramen with a tremendous force. He didn't look sickly like he did earlier.

"Sasha, kaedama!"

Wow! Both Leon and Ragius said it at the same time.

"Got it."

I asked the maid for more noodles, and the chefs brought them over.

"Wow, kaedama brings back memories! With this, I can have as many extra servings as I want if there's tonkotsu ramen!"

"Ragius, what is tonkotsu?"

Leon seems interested too.

"Oh, it's something equivalent to orcs in this world. By boiling orc bones, the soup extracts the flavor of the orc. Just like this soy sauce ramen, orc bones are also very deep. Depending on how you make it, you can create numerous types of ramen with different flavors. They are all delicious."

Everyone swallows their saliva.

"Sasha, can't you make orc bone ramen?"

Has Leon also become addicted to ramen?

"Well, it's impossible to make it right away. You have to simmer the bones for a long time and adjust the flavor, so I'll make it for you when we have time after the demon suppression is over."

"OOOOOOOH!"

"By the way, in our world, there are many types of ramen such as soy sauce, miso, salt, tonkotsu, seafood, and seafood tonkotsu."

"What, I don't know about seafood!"

"It's evolved even more since Ragius was here. Ramen made with sea bream bones or clams is famous."

"Onee-sama, I want to try them all!"

"Master, please make them!"

"Sasha, please make them for me too!"

It's impossible to make them all. The taste is also vague.

"I'll make them one by one with the chefs here. First, how about orc bone ramen?"

"You, let's spread ramen throughout Redenburg. Since it seems to be a very deep dish, if we work with the citizens, we can make numerous types of ramen."

"I thought the same thing. But first, let's focus on Alteheim. Let's quickly take care of it and then spread ramen to Alteheim too. Right, Leon?"

"Yes! We don't have time to be down. I'll go to Alteheim with Finn and the others. And after solving everything, we'll spread ramen to Alteheim too!"

"Leon-sama, let's work hard together to spread ramen!"

"Yes."

Yes, Leon seems to have regained his energy. However, while we were able to save Leon, I wonder if it's really okay to make ramen our main goal?

After this, everyone ordered extra servings and all 35 servings were gone.

The first attempt at making ramen was a success. Let's try orc bone ramen next!

Chapter 119: Eating Toyfelberry and Confronting Intermediate Demons

The ramen was a great success. The chefs have decided to make improvements based on the recipe I provided, and the king himself is compiling information from Alteheim to spread ramen throughout Redenburg. Leon is currently meeting with the school principal to go through the procedure for taking a leave of absence from school. As for us... we're waiting for Ragius' arrival in the room where we ate ramen.

"Hey, good morning! I'm going to serve up some Toifelberry right away."

"Ragius, let's start with about a hundred."

"Got it!"

Toifelberry was placed on the plate. It looks like a blueberry. How does it taste?

"Master! Are we going to eat them right away?"

"You won't know until you try it. Now, what does it taste like?"

As soon as I put one in my mouth, the taste was fairly similar to raspberry and quite delicious. I felt like there was a small seed-like thing in it, but it melted away and didn't bother me at all. The moment it melted away,

"I'm dissolving~! I didn't turn into Toifelberry to be eaten~"

I heard something like that. In a way, it's not a big deal if you think of it as talking fruit.

"Wow, it's actually pretty good. There was a seed inside, but it melted away quickly. It's good that it said something interesting at that moment."

"Hey, Sasha. It's not a seed, it's a demon core. It's not just an interesting comment, it's the last scream of a demon. Don't brush it off as just being interesting. I'm getting chills thinking about what would happen if Sasha ate me. Also, even in the state of Toifelberry, you can see your surroundings. So the remaining 99 demons should understand what will happen to them at this moment."

Oh, they can see even in this state?

"Master, you're amazing for eating it calmly even though you know it's a demon."

"I have to learn from Onee-sama's boldness."

Both of you should stop praising me.

"Finn, Iris, Jin, and Rikka should try it too."

Finn and Iris hesitated, but Jin and Rikka ate it without any hesitation.

"Oh, it's pretty good!"

"I don't want to be killed by a kid like this... at least by a woman---"

"Why a kid! Ah, ah, ah, ahhhhhh---"

"It's true! It's delicious. The last scream of the demon is funny."

Finn and Iris seem to have made up their minds too.

"Toifelberry seems to be edible without any problems. Let's eat it

every day until it's gone. If you think of the last scream of the demon as a gag, it's funny."

"Indeed, if we convince ourselves of that, it seems easy to eat."

"Onee-sama, the demons I eat always point out something I'm sensitive about."

"Well, just let it slide as their last struggle."

For now, the 100 (20 per person) that we were given disappeared in no time.

"Oh, have you already finished eating?"

"You guys seem to enjoy eating demons so much, despite the prejudice against them."

"If you forget the prejudice against demons and just eat them, there's no problem at all."

"Master, Jin-san, and Rikka are clearly enjoying the screams of the demons they're eating, aren't they?"

"Finn, it's really fun. And if the timing is right, I can come back with a witty remark. There was even a guy who said 'it was delicious' and then clicked his tongue and died."

Oh, really? Let me try coming back with a remark too. Speaking of which, in the case of Sakuragi-kun and the others, except for Burn-san, they said they were reluctantly eating because they saw a shocking sight during Kubo-kun and Ryusaki-kun's treatment. I wonder what

kind of sight it was?

"Now, after finishing breakfast, I'll have Finn and Iris defeat two mid-level demons lurking in the castle. Since you can't use the void magic, destroy the demon's core with weapons or magic. You have 10 minutes and can attack up to three times. If you exceed the time limit or attack more than four times, you'll have to endure the punishment of the stimulation odor hell."

"Eeeehhhh!!!"

"You have almost twice the ability difference, so think of it as a handicap. Even if you clear the quota, if the content is poor, you'll be punished. Rikka and Jin will also be tested in Alteheim."

"What if our battle is poor, Sasha-sama?"

"Since you guys are stronger than Finn and Iris, you'll have to endure the stimulation odor and the grinding attack."

"Eeeehhhh!!!"

"It's dangerous, Jin. Sasha-sama is serious."

"It's okay. We just need to sink them with one hit, without rushing. We'll be fine as usual."

"Y-yeah, that's right."

You'll be fine as usual, won't you? But you don't know what pressure is. Can you smartly defeat the demons under pressure?

"Oh, that sounds interesting. I'll bring those guys here. Where should we do it?"

"Since it will be a nuisance here, let's use one section of the zombie house in the Marco ruins. It's been improved, so it won't be destroyed no matter how much they rampage. Ragius can come with us too."

"Okay, wait for me then."

Now, shall we see how Finn and Iris will fight?

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Currently, only I am in the room. Finn, Iris, Jin, and Rikka are waiting in a certain section of the zombie house in the Marco ruins.

Ragius brought two young men with him. Both of them look like innocent and refreshing beast people, but their souls seem to have been eaten by demons and integrated. Their presence is different from that of ordinary beast people.

"Hey, why did you bring us here?"

"Yeah. We have something to do."

"Hey, Sasha, we brought them."

"Huh? Who are you?!"

"I'm Sasha. I want you guys to fight two girls now. You don't have the right to refuse. If you win the battle, I'll let you go."

As demons, you can't escape, right?"

Oh dear, they were completely frightened as soon as they saw me.

"Will you really let us go if we win?"

"Yes, I promise. By the way, I don't care about the outer beastmen's bodies, no matter who they are. So if you refuse, I'll kill you right here."

"Okay, we'll fight."

Although they were scared, the two of them managed to give an okay response.

"I feel sorry for them. The opponent they're about to fight is about twice as strong as them."

"I see... Why are you on their side, Rogis? Are you betraying our boss in Alteheim?"

Boss in Alteheim? Is that the one they're talking about?

"Oh, sorry. Rogis is already dead. I'm Ragius. You've heard of me, right?"

"R-Ragius! The solitary demon who fought against strong demons and climbed up to king rank!"

I see. Ragius is famous even among demons because he's a king rank.

"Yes, that's me. I planned to possess this guy, but there was already someone there, so I killed him and took his place."

"You're powerful enough to kill Sasha!"

This guy is so stupid. He doesn't understand my true power.

"Sigh... That's why you guys will always be intermediate level. Sasha is ten times stronger than me. Probably 20 times stronger than that boss you're talking about. Your mistake was overlooking Sasha, an absolute god in this world. If she gets serious, she can wipe out the demons in Alteheim and that boss in an instant."

"That's ridiculous!"

"Realize it! In Spheretalia and the demon world, there's no one who can beat Sasha!"

"You... Ragius... would say that much, We... What kind of world we have come to?"

The two demons gave up.

"Shall we move, then?"

I moved to where Finn and the others were practicing void magic. Jin and Rikka seem to have mastered long and medium-range magic. For Finn and Iris, they barely passed the short-range magic.

"Finn, let's get started."

"Y-Yes!"

Finn faced off against one of the demons. The demon had no fighting spirit at all, and in fact, was in despair. Well, with me and Ragius here, that's understandable. Finn also seemed to understand that the demon had no fighting spirit.

"You... Do you have any intention of fighting? I can't sense any fighting spirit from you."

"Well, fighting spirit, huh? As long as Sasha and Ragius are our enemies, we demons have no chance of winning. Even if I could kill you and escape, we would still end up being killed."

Hmm, what a letdown. I thought demons had pride and honor, and would fight to the end.

"Are you still a demon then? You're an intermediate level, right? Even if you're going to die, you should still have pride and honor as a demon and fight until the end."

"K-K-Kh, I never thought I would be lectured! Alright, I'll fight with everything I've got until I die!"

Hmm, he seems to have some motivation now. He's using his magic to the limit. Finn also uses all the magic she learned from her training.

"Wow, I never expected you to have this much power. What Ragius said was true. This world is strange. In any world, the hero should be able to defeat the evil in their own world. We will defeat that hero. But what about this world? There is definitely a hero here, but Sasha, Ragius, and you are all stronger than any hero we have encountered so far. There are too many irregularities. This will be settled with one strike. I will stake everything on this one strike."

"I am happy to hear that. Then I will also stake everything on this one strike. I will use everything I have gained up until now!"

Huh, that demon is concentrating all of their magic on their sword. It has quite a lot of power. On the other hand, Finn is also concentrating all of their power into the claws I made, Kirin. In addition, Finn knows the location of the demon's core.

"Haahhhhhhh!"

The two of them charged at each other and crossed paths. Finn's claws cut through the demon and cleanly sliced through its chest where the core was located.

The result was obvious. Finn was unscathed, and the demon turned to ashes.

"Finn, you passed. It was impressive how you were able to draw out your opponent's fighting spirit and it was the best strike yet."

"Yes, I did it! I avoided punishment! That demon didn't have any motivation, so I was struggling to figure out how to deal with it. I'm glad I was able to draw out its fighting spirit so well!"

Did she want to avoid punishment so badly that she drew out the demon's fighting spirit? Did she really go that far to avoid punishment?

Now, it's time for the showdown with Iris and another demon. Iris has no experience in close combat, so undoubtedly she will have a hard time.

Chapter 120: Iris gets punished

Now, it's Iris's turn.

"Iris, are you ready?"

"Yes, I'm ready anytime."

"Alright, now the remaining demons, fight Iris. The time limit is 10 minutes, but the number of attacks is unlimited. Iris is not accustomed to hand-to-hand combat."

"Onee-sama! Thank you very much!"

The demons walked with their heads down, muttering something as they approached Iris.

"I feel sorry for those demons too. They became toys of fate because they met Sasha and me."

"It's not a big deal, is it? They've been playing with other heroes from different worlds until now, right? So, they should understand someday that they might get played with, right?"

"I don't think they understand. They have a weird sense of pride."

"Well, they should try to understand in this world. That there is an existence that toys with them."

Iris and the demons faced each other.

"Now, Iris, start!"

I wonder how the demons will move?

"Demon-san, I'll go all out too."

"Damn, there's no escape! I'll at least take you down with me!"

Both Iris and the demons gave it their all. As expected, there is almost a double difference in their abilities.

"Hey, If you're fighting someone stronger than yourself, you can't beat them with conventional methods. In that case, you confuse the enemy with this kind of method. I've only peeked inside your head a little, but let me show you."

Oh, the demon transformed into a copy of Eleanor-sama. Eleanor-sama is like a mother figure to Iris. I wonder how Iris will deal with this?

"----Eleanor-sama?"

"Yes, Iris? Can you fight me?"

Oh, that demon! He's quite good. He even imitated Eleanor-sama's atmosphere and way of talking. Will Iris be shaken by this?

Iris trembled like a small animal.

"There's an opening! Dieeeee!"

The demon, not Eleanor-sama, extended his claws and tried to stab Iris in the heart.

"-----Who's going to dieeee, you stupid demon-----!!!"

Oh, Iris's right fist hit Eleanor-sama's face~! She punched Eleanor-sama without hesitation.

"Ugh, how dare you punch someone who's like your mother!"

When Eleanor-sama spoke in that voice, I couldn't help but laugh.

"Yes, I will punch her. Even if she is my mother, she may do something wrong. I can punch her without hesitation."

"You brat, you punched me without hesitation! How about this form?"

Oh, he transformed into me! It feels strange to see myself like this.

"Hahaha, now Iris, as your Onee-sama, Gahhhhaaaarrr, wait a minute, you, wait----"

That girl is punching my face without hesitation.

"Ahahaha, I've never punched Onee-sama during training. She's too strong and my attacks never hit. Even if you're a fake Onee-sama, it's okay. Please let me punch you as much as I want. Fortunately, the number of attacks is unlimited now, so I can punch you as much as I want. Ahahaha."

"That girl, was she stressed because she couldn't hit me? But still, looking objectively at the scene where I'm being punched, it's frustrating. Even though it's not me, it makes me angry. My face is getting more and more beaten up.

"Hey, Jin, why is that? I feel like I'm really being punched. It's getting more and more uncomfortable."

"Uh, that Sasha-sama is a demon, so Iris is also hitting her."

"That girl said she wanted to punch me, didn't she?"

"Well, no, it was just a figure of speech-"

Looking around, Jin, Rikka, and Finn were trembling in fear. They were talking in a low voice.

"Iris is an idiot! We can't cover for her!"

"Sasha-sama is angry! Jin, do something!"

"Why do you only rely on me at times like this! It's too late now!"

It's too late indeed. My face is already beaten up.

"Oh, I feel so refreshed! Thank you, demon lady!"

Oh, she's back to her original form.

"This is the worst feeling. It's not the way to hit a teacher who is like a mother figure and teaches you about fighting."

That's really true. she had no hesitation.

"Next, let me try out this Kodachi sixteen nights test cut. I'll cut it without hesitation no matter what form it takes. Please!"

she really will cut it without hesitation.

"This... how about this!"

Oh, she became the queen of Redenburg.

"It's pointless. I already know the position of your core thanks to punching you so much earlier. I'll cut your core to pieces. Ha!"

"Gyaaaahhh!"

Oh dear, she cut off the queen's right arm without hesitation and then cut up the core inside her right arm.

"Master, I'm not sure what's going on. I know she's a demon, but I feel like my mother figure was really cut."

"Coincidentally, I'm also having the illusion that I was punched."

Finally, has the demon run out of power and turned to ashes? Iris's pass or fail has already been decided.

"Onee-sama! I did it - a complete victory!"

"Iris, fail!"

"Eh, whyyy?"

"You beat me up in front of Finn and me, and you cut Finn's mother.

Both Finn and I are really unhappy. Therefore, you will be punished with the 'Grigri Attack + Stimulating Smell' sentence. Jin, Rikka, do you have any objections?"

"No, we have none! Please punish Iris!"

"But I won so easily"

"You beat me up so badly right in front of me!"

"That's right, Iris! You mercilessly cut my mother figure. You didn't need to cut up her right arm like that!"

"Well, that's-"

Yes, punishment is confirmed!

"Mugyo~! What's this smell! Onee-sama~!"

I moved to where Iris was and sent her the stimulating smell. And at the same time, I executed the Grigri attack.

"Mugyoaaaaaaahhhhh, it hurts, Finn-nee, Tasuketeeee (help)!"

"It's impossible, it's Iris's fault."

"What's going on, agyoooooo!"

I punished her thoroughly for one minute.

thud

Iris rolled her eyes and passed out from convulsions. Maybe I went too far?

"Jin, this is bad! That irritating smell is our natural enemy! If we get attacked and rubbed there..."

"...ah, we might die. In the Alteheim test, we have to defeat the demons quickly with all our might."

"That's right! If we kill them right away, there won't be a problem!"

Yes, the pressure on Jin and Rikka is just as I planned.

When Iris regained consciousness, she prostrated herself and apologized profusely to us.

"I'm sorry! I got carried away because I was feeling high from the fight. Please forgive me!"

She seemed to be reflecting deeply, so both Finn and I forgave her.

Chapter 121: Going to the oldest ruins

Three days have passed since punishing Iris. During these three days, Finn and the others have been training Void Magic, with the new ally Leon, whom I granted my blessing to.

When we returned to the castle after punishing Iris, Leon came to me and made a direct request.

"Sasha, please. Can you grant me your blessing? I want to reclaim my family with my own power. As the second prince of Alteheim, I want to do what I must! Please!"

Finn seemed surprised by this.

"Are you serious, Leon-sama?"

"Yeah. It's too pathetic if I just live a peaceful life at the academy

while Finn is risking her life fighting demons. The girl I like is fighting powerful enemies. I want to stand next to her!"

He said it so coolly.

"If I give you my blessing, your life will change significantly. Are you okay with that?"

"Yes!"

His eyes showed a determination to accept anything.

"I understand. Let's give protection to Leon. From now on, he will acquire strength that matches Finn's."

"Sasha, thank you! Finn, I might be weak now, but I'll definitely become strong enough to fight with the others!"

"Leon-sama, let's do our best together!"

"Yeah."

Since Leon himself is still too weak, I'm teaching him basic training instead of Void Magic. Over these three days, their skill levels have been gradually increasing through simulated battles.

During this time, I haven't given Finn and the others any ramen. The chefs in the kitchen's ramen department are busy adjusting the noodles, soup, and ingredients to complete the Orc Bone Ramen. I occasionally give them advice. Ragius can tolerate it, but the king, queen, and other royals visit regularly and ask, "Is the Orc Bone Ramen ready yet?" How addicted are they? So, I made a declaration to everyone, including the royals.

"We are in the final stages of making the Orc Bone Ramen. At this point, it's possible for everyone to try it, but it will only score 70 points. If you choose to eat it now, you can eat a 70-point ramen to

some extent. However, if you choose to wait until the Alteheim matter is resolved, both the soy sauce ramen and the Orc Bone Ramen will evolve further and you can eat 100 or even 200 points of it as much as you like. Yes, the more you wait, the more the ramen will evolve!"

"OOOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHHHH!"

"Now, which one will you choose?"

"Of course, we choose to wait!"

After this declaration, the king, queen, crown prince, and Ragius devoted themselves fully to the politics of Redenburg and the extermination of demons and evil tribes, while the two princesses returned to school to study. Finn, Iris, Jin, Rikka, and Leon, including the five of them, began to train more seriously than ever before. Leon also conducted mock battles with Jin and Rikka many times, and although he lost all eight battles, he began to grow stronger by gradually overcoming his weaknesses and listening accurately to Jin and Rikka's advice. However, everyone was working seriously on politics and training, but occasionally they muttered quietly, "All for ramen, all for ramen, all for ramen." Well, only Leon was "all for family and ramen," but you know.

Yes, the reason why everyone is working so seriously on politics and training is just one thing, they want to eat ramen as soon as possible. Is it okay for such a reason? Well, just because of that, some of the work that had stalled in Redenburg began to move rapidly, and the prime ministers thanked us every time we met.

However, there is one question I have. Are the people in this world hungry for food? Or is it because I am making it?

Every time I provide food, something strange happens.

As for Toifelberry, six of us with blessings, including me, eat 20 of them each for breakfast, lunch, and dinner every day.

However, as they would surely get tired of it, I taught the chefs how to make anpan and cream pan as new dishes, and secretly put

Toifelberry in them, in addition to the filling or cream. Finn, Leon, Iris, Jin, and Rikka ate breakfast bread without knowing anything. They ignored the screams of demons and just kept eating. When I told them later, they were very surprised, but since it was well received, it was decided to eat breakfast with Toifelberry anpan or Toifelberry cream pan from now on. Toifelberry jam pan was also considered, but it was rejected because the core disappeared as soon as it was crushed.

Thus, while making ramen and training, the morning of the sixth day since coming to Redenburg arrived. On this day, I gathered my comrades and the royal family in the conference room to inform them of an important matter.



In the conference room, our comrades, Ragius, the king, queen, and crown prince have gathered.

"Sasha, what's going on? Why gather everyone? From your appearance, something big has happened, hasn't it?"

Ragius seems to understand as well.

"Yes, everyone already knows, but I ate the evil god and acquired all the skills that the evil god has. And in addition, a small part of the evil god's memories also entered my head. At first, I didn't realize it, but since coming to Redenburg, images of those memories have briefly appeared in my mind. This is the image."

The image that briefly remained in my head, while somewhat reminiscent of Japan on Earth, was clearly different. There were buildings and vehicles that seemed to be built in the future, more so than in my Japan.

"Master, is this footage from Spheretalia? Such a place doesn't exist."

"Onee-sama, I have never seen it before either."

"Sasha, doesn't this footage look similar to Japan?"

"As Ragius said, it does look similar to Japan. But the shape of the buildings and the clothing of the people in the footage are completely different from now. And my intuition tells me that this footage is definitely from a place in past Spheretalia. Probably, the footage is from Redenburg."

"Whaaat! Sasha, this footage is from Redenburg that I rule!"

"Yes, but probably from over a few thousand years ago. This is just my hypothesis, but I think that Spheretalia had a much more advanced civilization than the Earth where Ragius and I were. It collapsed for some reason and gradually formed into the present Spheretalia. "

"Hey, Hakis, are there any artifacts excavated from the ruins of Redenburg?"

"No, there aren't. In fact, all of the ruins of Redenburg have been turned into dungeons, and the items that come out of the treasure chests are all familiar items. Nothing that appears in this footage has been discovered."

So, we have no choice but to go to the oldest ruins in Spheretalia.

"The reason why everyone gathered here today is simple. I will be leaving the capital for a while. The destination is the oldest ruins, Olympus. Probably, if I go there, I can understand the relationship between Sphere and the Evil King."

"What! Are you going alone, Onee-sama?"

"I'm going alone this time. I think there are things from the past civilization sleeping deep underground in that ruins. It's been six days since you came here, but you haven't completely mastered the Void Magic yet. Make sure you perfect it before I come back. Leon, enter

the dungeon with Jin and level up. Ragius will be my proxy. Leave the rest to him."

Ragius is the strongest person after me. Unless something extraordinary happens, he won't be defeated.

Originally, I was supposed to go after the Alteheim issue was resolved, but it will take more time for everyone, and above all, that footage is bothering me. Let's finish it first.

"Got it. The oldest ruins, huh. If there are things from the past civilization remaining and the security system that protects them is still functioning, even Jin and his team might be in danger. The best option is for you to go alone. While you're away, the Alteheim guys might attack. I'll stay here and instruct everyone."

Ragius also understands the danger of the oldest ruins.

"I'm counting on you."

"Sasha-sama, we apologize for being weak. We will definitely show you that we have mastered Void Magic. If demons attack while you're away, we will mercilessly exterminate them."

"I think eating Toifelberry greatly increases your ability values, but don't let your guard down. Also, distribute my share of Toifelberry among yourselves."

"Sasha, the oldest ruins have been classified as S-class and no one has ever conquered them. The bottom floor is also unknown. Currently, only the first five floors are known. The first floor is like a natural cave and evil tribes do not appear.

However, there are two doors to go to the second floor, and there is a strange message there.

【Weaklings, leave!】

【Only the strong can reach up to the 50th floor】

Adventurers learned the meaning of this message on the second floor. Even on the second floor, A-class or above evil tribes appear and even S-class appear."

It's like a hidden dungeon in some RPG.

"I think it'll be okay, but be careful."

"Yes, Your Majesty, please be careful too. The demon boss in Alteheim is also called the Demon King, so they may have a way of observing us. With me gone, there may be a shift from a waiting posture to an attacking posture."

"Oh, the citizens of Redenburg, we will protect them!"

Well, regarding Redenburg, it should be okay. I'm worried about the Sylphiel Kingdom. Currently, we can't communicate with Burn-san and the others. The audience with the High Elves is over, so something must have happened. Well, considering the gaze I've been feeling for the past three days, I can imagine what happened.

And if someone with my protection dies, I'll know right away. If someone dies, I won't hesitate to kill the High Elves. The people of the Sylphiel Kingdom may be angry, but they'll understand if I give a reason. Let's put a strong killing intent into the gaze I feel right now.

Well, everything is prepared now. Everyone seems to be convinced.

Shall I go to the oldest ruins, Olympus? I just want to know the relationship between the goddesses and the evil god.

Chapter 122: Entering the forest of Olympus Mountain

Currently, I am flying towards Olympus Mountain, where the ruins are located.

Olympus Mountain, with an elevation of 14,000m, is located near the southern border of Redenburg and is surrounded by a vast forest with a diameter of 100km. The oldest ruins are said to be hidden approximately 30km from the entrance to the forest on the Redenburg side.

According to information from the king, only the first five underground levels have been reached so far. Adventurers who returned claimed that they could not determine the size of each floor, but they were incredibly vast, causing them to lose their sense of direction. The use of the spatial magic "Mapping," which creates a map on the status screen, is essential.

Additionally, because the dungeon of these ruins is entirely rearranged once a week, creating and selling maps is pointless. Furthermore, the source of information, a Wyvern, said a few words, "It may have nothing to do with the ruins,"

but there is another piece of information.

When Wyverns' information is summarized, it goes something like this:

1. The summit of Olympus Mountain is covered in fog, and no one, including the Evil tribe, has ever seen it.
2. When flying near the forest of Olympus Mountain, the body is always enveloped in fog, causing a loss of sense of direction, and being expelled from the forest.
3. Special attacks, such as breath, are not activated when fighting in the vicinity of the forest of Olympus Mountain.
4. If Wyverns and other dragon species shoot a massive breath from a position slightly away from Olympus Mountain towards the summit, they will disappear near the forest.
5. Everyone was surprised, and when they tried to investigate the cause by repeatedly firing blasts, a ray of light was emitted from near the summit, and a Class S black dragon disappeared.

6. Since then, fighting between dragon species of the Evil tribe has been prohibited in the vicinity of the forest of Olympus Mountain.

This information seems to have occurred about 200 years ago. The successive kings also verified that fog did not occur while on the surface, and it was possible to use magic normally. However, it was said that if magic was aimed from

outside the forest towards the air inside, it would be extinguished. In other words, it is impossible to invade the forest from the air.

This definitely means that something is at the summit of Olympus Mountain. However, my goal is to learn about the relationship between the Evil God and the Goddess. For now, let's go to the lowest floor of the ruins. I hope I can achieve my goal, I wonder if I was already getting close to the entrance to the forest?

"Hmm, what's this reaction?"

Is someone fighting in the forest? I sense the presence of the Evil tribe and demons throughout the forest!

Come to think of it, it is said that the forest centered around Mount Olympus was a non-interference zone. Both Redenburg to the north and Remnant to the south have a non-interference treaty regarding the Mount Olympus forest, as there are too many mysteries surrounding it. I see, that's why the Toifelberry demons are lurking all over the place.

As I reach the forest and go deeper, the mist thickens and clings to my body. It's making me lose my sense of direction.

What should I do? If I use my magic to forcefully blow it away, the forest might be exposed. And then, something at the mountaintop might shoot a beam of light at me.

"I should run through the surface. I want to know why the evil tribe and demons are fighting, so I'll go to where they're battling."

As I descend to the surface, there are five A-class evil tribe Phantom Knights (knights without physical bodies) waiting for me. What a sudden encounter!

"To think that humans would invade at a time like this. Are you here for the ruins? Who are you? This is the territory of our evil tribe. We are currently in the middle of fighting demons. If you don't want to die, leave now!"

According to the information I got from the kings, there are many Demon tribes wandering around, so I have to be careful. However, I've never heard of the evil tribe before. Additionally, these evil tribes have the same level of intelligence as humans and have escaped the curse of the evil king. This means that we might be able to negotiate.

"I'm Sasha Falling. You said you're fighting demons?"

"Yes, we're in the middle of a battle."

I see. Then---

"I'm on your side. But since you won't believe me, how about this? If I defeat the demons, will you cooperate with me as allies?"

"You'll defeat the demons?"

Of course, they would doubt me. Then I'll release some magic power. The demons we're fighting are high-level, about 700,000. So let's make it 10 million. First, I'll show my power to these five.

"Look at this."

I release a little bit of magic power, and all of the Phantom Knights fall to their knees.

"W-What kind of power is that?"

"This is just a small part of it. I just want to defeat all the demons in the forest and hear about the ruins. Come on, let's go to where the evil tribe and demons are fighting before it's too late."

"O-Okay. This way!"

I didn't expect the evil tribe to appear, but once we defeat the demons, I'll ask them about the ruins.

This is a slightly open space in the middle of the forest. Right now, an S-class Dullahan and Phantom Horse are facing off against a high-level demon (a Killer Ape, a giant monkey-like evil tribe). The base stats of the Dullahan and Phantom Horse are 55,000 and 52,000, respectively. Meanwhile, the high-level demon is 700,000. There is no way the Dullahan and Phantom Horse can win. However, they're still fighting with all they've got, proud to be the bosses of this area. The only thing that bothers me is that the base stats of the Dullahan and Phantom Horse are much higher than normal S-class demons. I'll have to investigate later.

"I'm getting bored of this game. Let's put an end to it! As the boss, your unyielding spirit was impressive. Die!"

"No, not yet. I won't give up. If I let you go, Spheretalia will be destroyed. I won't let that happen! Hyaa!"

That Dullahan has an excellent chivalric spirit.

Oops, I shouldn't interrupt the fight. Let's step in right before the advanced demons and Dullahan cross paths.

"Alright, that's enough!"

"What, are you a human? No, something's different."

"Who are you? Why did you interrupt the fight?"

I stopped the fight by grabbing the claws of the high-ranking demon and the sword of the Dullahan barehanded.

"Dullahan and Phantom Horse, your chivalry spirit is admirable, but I had to intervene because I knew you would definitely lose. I am your ally, evil tribe. Before that, we must defeat this higher demon."

"You want to defeat me? Certainly, you might be stronger than that Dullahan over there, but that's not enough to defeat me."

"Hmm, you see, what you're feeling right now is a small amount of magic leaking from my body. I haven't even released 1% yet. For now, let's limit the range of my magic to the Olympus forest and release 10 million."

Shuuuuuuuuuuu

Alright, the entire forest is now filled with my magic.

"What, who are you, that power... could it be, a god?!"

"Oh? You noticed it well. Hey, can you tell me the name of the god you know?"

"Hahaha, I can't defeat you, but you can't beat the god who summoned us with that level of power!"

"Oh, I see. The one you know is Shintaro Myouji."

"You know him? He's about 1.7 times stronger than you. I'm surprised to find out that there were other gods besides Myouji -"

This demon doesn't seem to have any loyalty to Shintaro Myouji. He's giving away information too easily.

"Thank you for the good information. As a token of my appreciation, let me tell you something. I haven't even used 10%

of my power yet."

"What?!"

"Then, goodbye."

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I drew out the purple lightning (my beloved sword) and cut off the head with a nucleus. The demon, with a surprised expression, turned into ashes.

"You defeated that demon with one blow, and this magic power surpasses that evil king. Who are you?"

Since that demon said I was a god, it's better not to hide it. Let's talk about it properly here.

"You guys are seriously considering Spheretalia, aren't you? Then let me tell you what's going on now."

"We're the evil tribe, originally the evil clan. Is that okay?"

"I don't mind. You're certainly an evil clan, but you're free from the curse of the evil king, you have a splendid intelligence, and you're currently ruling and protecting the Olympus forest, right? Just from the exchange with that demon earlier, I judged you to be trustworthy."

"I'm grateful, thank you very much!"

"The story will be a little long, so let's sit down and talk."

When I said that, the Dullahan dismounted from the Phantom Horse and sat down on the ground with the Phantom Knight.

Well, let me teach you one by one.

1. The summoner of demons is Shintaro Myouji, an interdimensional summoner. Over 10,000 demons have been summoned in Spheretalia.

2. Demons have stages of possession and integration, starting with Toifelberry. They have spread all over the world, and countermeasures are being taught.

3. I am also an interdimensional summoner who became a god after defeating an evil god. I am currently fighting demons and the evil tribe.

4. Goddess Saria and some interdimensional summoners conspired to drive goddess Sphere out of Spheretalia and take control of it.

5. My ultimate goal is to eradicate them all.

6. To do so, I need to know the coordinates of the management world where goddess Saria is, and the relationship between goddess Sphere and the evil god.

7. Information about Sphere and the evil tribe is likely hidden in the Olympus ruins.

"Did such a situation occur without our knowledge? Sasha, with your power, you should be able to defeat all the demons and evil tribes in Spheretalia right now. Why don't you do it?"

"It's simple. If I use all my power, it will be over in a few days. But if I do that, people in Spheretalia will rely on me.

There is also a risk of dangerous beings coming from other dimensions in the future. We need to deal with it ourselves. Of course, if a powerful enemy that you cannot handle appears, me or my allies will act. As for demons, the people of Spheretalia right now cannot defeat them. That's why those who have received my protection are currently taking care of the situation."

"I see. Your power is truly incredible. If you move too much, people will rely on you. Sasha-dono, I have a request."

Dullahan looked at the Phantom Knights and nodded to each other. I can guess what they want.

"Could you please help us exterminate the demons in the forest? We know it's not something we can ask you after hearing your story. But we cannot handle the 100 confirmed demons and Toifelberry. Please, help us."

It's surprising to see Dullahan, an S-class evil tribe member, and the A-class Phantom Knights begging like this. They must have high pride.

"Okay, I'll help you. But there is a condition."

"What is the condition?"

"I want you to tell me about the summit of Olympus and the ruins. I want to know as much as possible before entering the ruins."

"If that's all, I'll tell you. But we don't know much either. Is that okay?"

"Yes, it's fine."

Dullahan and the Phantom Knights clearly breathed a sigh of relief at my words. Demons must be really powerful.

Before exploring the ruins, it is essential to exterminate the demons in the forest.

Chapter 123: Evil Tribe and the Ruins of Olympus

First of all, I need to subdue the demons in the forest, but I don't want to spend too much time on it. As I heard from the Dullahan, the north side of Mount Olympus (Redenburg side) is controlled by the Dullahan, while the south side (Remnant side) is dominated by Hellapes (a type of large, giant monkey-like evil tribe, an evolved version of Killer Apes). Normally, I would greet the Hellapes on the south side before moving on to eradicate the demons, but to be honest, it's a hassle. Let's just eliminate all the demons in the forest right here and now.

"Dullahan, I'll be clear. Going to the south side is a hassle. Can I eliminate all the demons in the forest here and now without causing any harm to the Evil tribe or the forest?"

"What? Is that possible?"

"Yes, with a certain skill, it's possible to eliminate all the demons in the forest without harming the Evil tribe or the forest.

The only problem is the Evil tribe on the south side. They will be surprised to suddenly see their opponents disappear.

After the elimination, someone should explain the situation to them."

The Dullahan and other Evil tribe members seemed surprised by my words. However, since it could affect the Evil tribe, I should limit the skill to only demons. By combining the search skill and the reverence skill, it's possible.

"Understood. Let's send the Phantom Guards here to the south side. Sasha-sama, please take care of it."

Dullahan's way of speaking is becoming more and more polite.

"Well then, let's get started."

The range is the entire forest, search for demons, and use the

reverence skill limited only to demons.

"Okay, activating 'Reverence'!"

At that moment, light was emitted from me.

"Oh, oh, oh, this is so divine! What a warm light!"

"Oooohhhh!!!"

Little by little, the light of reverence spread from me, and I could see the demons and Toyfelberry decreasing one by one.

It's taking a while since the range is too wide. Maybe it will take about 30 minutes to complete?

"Okay, all the demons in the forest have been defeated."

When the light subsided, I looked at the Dullahan and they were all kneeling on one knee in a submissive posture.

"Sasha-sama, we Evil tribe members pledge all our loyalty to you!"

Again, this scene! Even though I set the range of the reverence skill outside the Evil tribe, they became my worshippers just by seeing the light.

"Understood. Let's put the Evil tribe members in the forest under the protection of the goddess Sasha. From now on, I ask for your kind cooperation."

"Oooohhhh!!!"

My worshippers are increasing rapidly. It's just my imagination, but I feel like the more worshippers I have, the stronger my reverence skill

becomes. Now, I feel like I can cover all of Redenburg with my reverence skill.

"Well then, Dullahan, can you tell me about the Evil tribe, the summit, and the ruins?"

"Yes, Guards! You must report what happened here to Lord Hellapes immediately!"

"Yes, sir!"

"Sasha-sama, what do you know about the ruins and the summit?"

I talked about the information I received from the Dullahan on the Wyvern.

"That information is generally correct. First, let's talk about the Evil tribe."

According to what I heard from the Dullahan, there are quite a few evil tribe members who have been released from the curse of the Evil King since his sealing. Most of these evil tribe members are at least A-ranked and have intelligence on par with humans. They heard about this forest from the Wyverns, and decided to settle here in order to live peacefully without unnecessary conflicts. There are currently almost 700 of them and their numbers are gradually increasing. To distinguish them from other evil tribes, they are called the "Evil People" and are required to wear an armband.

They understand that they are a target of resentment from other species, as they remember how many they have killed in the past. Therefore, they have decided to live quietly in the forest and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Even if they are discovered by adventurers and a battle ensues, they will minimize their opponents' injuries and retreat from the scene. Do people in Redenburg not know about the Evil People?

"How do you all eat?"

"Among the Evil People, we Phantom types turn the surrounding magical elements into food. However, other Evil People can also eat things like nuts and fruits, but they are not very tasty, so we mainly rely on magical elements."

A simple diet indeed.

"I can talk to the King of Redenburg about your food situation. What do you think?"

"Thank you for the offer, but we are honestly suspicious if Redenburg would accept us as a new species, the Evil People."

"Then I will mediate after all the problems have been resolved. By then, my followers will probably have spread throughout the Redenburg, Gardia Empire, and Thermia Kingdom, so it should be fine. At first, there may be discrimination and prejudice, but if you patiently befriend them, you will eventually be able to walk through the city without any problems."

"Thank you. Actually, some of us are not satisfied with our food situation. But if we hear Sasha-sama's words, everyone will probably endure it."

"It might be a good idea to build an Evil People's city near the forest, modeled after the cityscape of Redenburg, and turn the forest itself into an Evil People's country. Currently, this forest has a non-aggression treaty with Redenburg and Remnant, so they should not invade you. I'll mediate everything, so talk to Hellape down south with confidence. And since there may be fruits here that are unique to this forest, it may take some time, but I will also teach you how to cook. It seems that the people here are starving, so if there is delicious food, they will become more friendly. Wait a little longer until that happens."

"Building a new country? We've talked about it with Hellape, but if Sasha-sama can mediate, it's possible. Thank you for your concern."

Well, that's enough about the Evil People. Next is the story of the ruins and the mountaintop.

"Regarding the ruins, unlike the beastmen, we went down to the lowest floor, which is the 50th underground floor. To put it simply, all the evil tribes that appear there are ranked A or higher. It took us about a year to reach the lowest floor. And although we found only murals there, after thoroughly searching the area, we discovered that some sort of magic stone was embedded in the mural depicted as a door. However, we couldn't send magic to the stone, so it's currently unclear what it's for."

Oh, I see. The beastmen could only go down to the fifth underground floor, but the Dullahan went all the way to the bottom. If all the evil tribe that appears there are A-rank or higher, then they must have defeated quite a number of them.

That's why the Dullahan and Phantom Horse had an ability value of 50,000. And the magic stone at the bottom that can't receive magic. Considering that this is the oldest ruin, it may be a mechanism that only activates for a specific person. We won't know until we go.

"I see. Is there any other information about the mountaintop?"

"We couldn't fly to the mountaintop covered in mist, but it's possible from the ground level. I actually went there with Hell Ape. We made it to the mountaintop, but there was a huge door there that we had never seen before, and the area around the mountaintop was covered in a magic barrier. The door itself was tightly closed and couldn't be opened no matter what we tried."

I see, so we can get to the mountaintop from the ground level. That's good to know.

"I have a question. If we destroy walls or something in the ruins, do they go back to their original state?"

"They will return to their original state after some time."

"I want to investigate the ruins and the mountaintop, but it takes too much time to go through the normal route. So I'll go through my own route. You might hear some noise all the way up to the ground, but don't worry about it."

"Um... May I ask what route you will take?"

"I don't mind. We'll go through the ----- and ----- to get to -----."

"That's a crazy way to go. Only Sasha-sama can do that. It's impossible for us."

Well, I'm sure you're right. That's a method I would never adopt if Finn and the others were around.

"Well, I've got the necessary information, so let's go to the ruins now. After the investigation is over, I'll head to the mountaintop."

"Understood. Allow me to guide you."

Here is the entrance to the ruins. Hmm, it feels like a natural cave. It doesn't look like a ruin at all. If this is the entrance, then a cave would be more appropriate.

"Dullahan, is this the entrance to the ruins?"

"Yes, there is no mistake. The first floor underground is just a cave where the evil tribe doesn't appear, but there is an unnatural door in the back. The door has a single word written on it, 'Weaklings, leave!' When you open that door, there is a staircase leading to the second floor underground. There is another door there, and it says, 'Only the strong can reach the 50th floor underground.'"

I see, that's the king told me.

"When we descended to the second underground floor with caution, it clearly switched to something artificial. The evil tribe lurking there directs their murderous intent towards the intruders of the ruins."

That's the same in any dungeon.

"Well, I just have to defeat them no matter who they are! By the way, how large is each floor?"

"That would be -----, with the smallest being one-third of the Jukai Forest and the largest covering the entire forest."

"How big is that! No wonder it took the Dullahan a year."

"Yes, I think it will take quite a few days even for Master Sasha."

"Indeed, even if we go through my own route, it would be impossible to do it in two or three days. Well, let's proceed steadily without rushing. I'm off then."

"Understood! Take care!"

Now, the destination is the 50th floor, the lowest level of the Olympus ruins. If there are any items along the way, I'll pick them up, but I'll ignore everything else.

Let's go on an adventure alone!

Chapter 124: Sasha's dungeon conquest and her comrades at that time

Three days had passed since Sasha entered the dungeon. During these past three days, a terrifying roar could occasionally be heard from the entire Jukai forest and the Olympus ruins. Although the evil tribes had heard the situation from Dullahan, there was no major chaos. However, everyone was filled with fear and anxiety about what was happening underground. When the southern boss, Hell Ape, heard about the situation from Dullahan, he felt both respect and fear for

Sasha, whom he had not yet met. And if they were to enter under her protection, they evil tribes could live in peace, he thought.

The roar occasionally heard from the underground of the forest was the sound of the goddess Sasha breaking through the strong walls of the dungeon.

Sasha's Perspective:

Three days had passed since entering the dungeon. I didn't expect it to take this long to reach the 45th underground floor.

But I already have the hang of it. I can reach the lowest floor by this evening!

My own personal dungeon conquering method is extremely simple:

1. Use my spatial magic "Auto Mapping" to create a map of each floor.
2. Once the map is complete, use my "Railgun" to destroy all the walls along the straight line distance between the entrance and exit. [This is the cause of the roar!]
3. The evil tribes will rush in like a tsunami from the destroyed walls.
4. Once a completely straight line is formed, use "Railgun" again!
5. Then just walk to the exit.

See, it's possible to conquer the dungeon in the shortest possible way.

Who in their right mind would want to conquer the entire Jukai forest's dungeon through the normal route? Frankly, it's a hassle! This method is the easiest. However, something unexpected happened from

the 11th underground floor. The exit that appeared on the mapping was a fake! When I tried again, a different exit appeared. And even when I arrived there, it turned out to be another fake. It was infuriating! In the end, the final exit was right next to the entrance! It would take Dullahan and the others a year with this method.

This happened repeatedly from the 11th floor onwards. As a retaliation, I annihilated all the evil tribes on each floor one by one. And as I continued this action, their attitude towards me became patternized. Mainly three patterns.

1. Fight to death.
2. Run away with all their might.
3. Tell me the real exit.

Especially after taking action 3, they lined up neatly on both sides of the newly created exit made by Railgun and took a bowing pose, obediently saying "The exit is here." The attitude towards me on each floor is too extreme!

The mid-boss appeared every 10 floors, but I defeated them all in one hit.

There were Killer Octopus Emperor, Killer Squid Emperor, Killer Shrimp Emperor, and Killer Crab Emperor, but they fought on the ground instead of in the sea. When I defeated them, I couldn't help but shout, "Got some cooking ingredients~!!" Because with these ingredients, I can make my favorite dishes like takoyaki, salt-grilled squid, and shrimp chili! Thanks to these ingredients, my cooking repertoire has increased significantly. It was perfect for Spheretalia, where there were no seafood ingredients. Even if I'm not around, it's no problem to have Finn, Ariel, and Keith go get the ingredients.

I repeated this action and finally arrived at the 45th floor underground.

"Phew, let's take a break."

I've been exploring the dungeon alone for three days, so it's lonely. To be precise, it's a bit different. Three small bugs have been following me from behind. I already know who's behind them because I can use magic to make the images seen by those bugs visible to the other side, so I can locate their location with a single wave of magic. When I released my killing intent, it disappeared for a moment, but then it reappeared a few hours later. Perhaps they are monitoring me with the intention of being ready to be killed? Then, why not communicate with me? Well, maybe they have a reason, or maybe they just want to see the final destination of this dungeon. Well, if they don't do anything, that's fine, maybe they're just killing time.

However, I'm just playing with them by periodically pacifying them or releasing my intimidation and killing intent. By not communicating with me at all even after going this far, it means they're completely committed to surveillance duty.

Is their a goal to assess my strength? They're too naive. Since I became an evil god, I've been mastering how to use my skills. Besides making ramen, I also trained in teleportation. Thanks to that, I can transfer to where I can grasp the opponent's presence, magic, and soul. So, once I finish exploring the dungeon, I'll be prepared to go there immediately!

Hey, you two high elves!

For me, it doesn't matter whether you are from the same town or not. And even if you are away from Saria, you are not necessarily an ally. If you intend to harm Spheretalia with malice, I will eliminate you without question!

Now, let's put aside the high elves. What are Finn and the others doing?

While I'm away, there is also a danger of Alteheim attacking. I learned from the bug sent by the high elves and made a security bird with my own magic that can monitor the castle. It has no intelligence and is like a robot, so it has no presence. As a unique skill, I added [Optical Camouflage]. Although its existence cannot be erased, it is difficult to

detect due to the lack of presence and the reflection of light. As a normal skill, it has [Perspective 10] and [Zoom 10]. The program content is to monitor five protected persons 100 meters away from Finn as the base. Of course, I'm not monitoring them all day long, and I'm not recording them either, as everyone has their privacy. Well, if a real danger approaches, I'm sure I'll receive communication, but I'm still worried. Am I being overprotective? If everyone knew about it, they would probably be angry and say, "Do you really not trust us that much?" I do trust them, but I'm still worried. By the way, I made three security birds. The first one is for Finn and the others, the second one is for observing Alteheim Castle, and it's currently on its way to the destination. The third one is for the two high elves, and it's already been teleported and is located 100 meters away from them, monitoring (with recording). I'll check their information later. For now, I'll just ignore them.

Now, I wonder how Finn and the others are doing?

○○○ Iris's point of view

Onee-sama went to Mount Olympus and it has been three days since then. Nothing strange has happened during that time, and there is no sign of an attack from Alteheim. Peaceful days continue. With three days of training, I can now control the void magic up to medium range. Jin and Rikka mastered it yesterday. They have been teaching Leon since yesterday evening.

Ah...I suffered a terrible defeat in my first battle with demons. It was because I got carried away and kept punching the fake Eleanor-sama and fake Onee-sama. I need to control myself to prevent this from happening again in the future.

Currently, I am practicing void magic in the training field. I can now handle up to six juggling balls.

"Hmm? It's just Iris here. Where are Jin and Rikka?"

Finn-nee and Leon seem to have an ideal lover's relationship. They really suit each other.

"I haven't seen them since breakfast."

"Oh, I see. Could it be--"

"Finn, what's wrong? Is something the matter?"

I wonder what's going on?

"This morning, the chefs made an improved version of the soy sauce ramen and orc bone ramen using orc meat as the ingredient. When they tasted it, they were delighted that the sauce had penetrated the orc meat much more than when we first tried it, and the balance between the noodles, soup, and orc meat had evolved several levels."

What?! I definitely want to taste it!

"Maybe Jin and Rikka went to the kitchen just like you thought, Iris."

"Eh? Finn-nee, how did you know?!"

"Iris, your face shows what you're thinking."

Ah! Did it show on my face?

"In that case, let's go to the kitchen with the three of us. Onee-sama isn't here right now. Let's taste it before she comes back!"

"Iris thinks so too, right? Yeah, let's go!"

Onee-sama is in the middle of dungeon conquest, so there's no time like the present to taste it.

"Wait a minute!!!"

Finn-nee and I were about to dash off, but Leon stopped us.

"Leon, why are you stopping us? We can only eat it while our master is away!"

Finn-nee initially called him 'Leon-sama', but she removed the 'sama' because she wanted to deepen their relationship even more. Since then, I feel like their relationship has become even closer. But why is he stopping us?!

"Think about it, both of you. I haven't known Sasha for long, but there's no way she would go to conquer the dungeon without doing anything!"

Ah! That's right. Come to think of it, knowing Onee-sama, she might have set up some kind of trap. Hmm, even if I look at my status, there's nothing particularly different. If I had to say, maybe a title?

Title: ... Saint and Goddess Sasha

There used to be a saint right after the title. Hmm, that gap is bothering me.

"Iris, doesn't the gap in the title bother you?"

"Does Finn-nee have it too?"

"I have it as well. It's an unnatural gap. Is there something here?"

Just as we were wondering, we heard something.

"Jin, Rikka, Out---!!!"

"---Gyaaaaaaahhhhhhh!!!"

"Hey, what was that? I heard our master's voice and someone screaming!"

"That voice belongs to Jin-san and Rikka-san, right? I heard their voices coming from a location quite near, but they're not around here, are they?"

"Finn, Iris, they're probably in the kitchen! Let's go check it out!"

The upgraded version of the orc meat, which was completed this morning, was definitely the reason for the incident in the kitchen. We rushed to the kitchen.

--- When we arrived, Jin-san and Rikka-san were lying there lifeless with their eyes rolled up in a gruesome manner, but they were not dead. They were unconscious instead.

"Ah, Finn-sama, Leon-sama, Iris-sama."

"Could you please explain this situation, Head Chef?"

"Well, the upgraded version of the orc meat was completed, so we were going to try it on orc bone ramen. That's when Jin-sama and Rikka-sama arrived."

"Ahh, that's not fair. We want to try it too!"

"Hey, Rikka, we have to be patient."

"Just one sip for tasting should be fine, right? Jin wants to try it too!"

"Well, once you smell this scent... sorry, but could you make us a half portion please?"

"Whoooooaaahhhhhh, this is orc bone ramen!"

"Alright, let's eat!"

"Yeah!"

[Jin, Rikka, Out----!!!]

(Note: Only those with divine protection can hear Sasha's voice.)

"Huh? What was that? I heard Sasha's voice!"

"I heard it too!"

"What? We didn't hear anything."

"Gyaaa, what is this smell? Why? Mhyyyyyyaaahhhhhhhhhhh, Jin-tazuge--"

"Gwuuaaahhhhh, what is this smell? It's---stimulating smell----"

Bam

"That's what happened. We have no idea what happened."

We understand. ---Onee-sama, you're merciless. You must have set up something after all. Thanks to Jin-san and the others rushing ahead, we were saved. Finn-nee's face turned pale.

"Finn, I know it's hard to believe, but is this the 'stimulating smell' punishment?"

"Yeah, that pained expression and writhing in agony makes it clear that it's the 'stimulating smell' punishment."

"Could it be that it was activated when they got close to the ramen at a certain distance?"

"Ah, Leon-sama, indeed, just as they were about to put the ramen in their mouths, they suffered within 10 cm of their mouths."

"I'm sorry. Onee-sama, you didn't trust us, did you?"

beep

"Hmm? Did something change in our status? Let's check."

"Ah, this is the reason. Finn-nee, Leon-san, please look at our titles."

"Huh? Titles?"

Title: The one captured by ramen

Those who hold this title will trigger a certain trap when they distance themselves from the goddess Sasha by a certain distance. The content of the trap is simple. When you try to eat ramen, an irritating smell (improved version) will be generated. The limit distance from the ramen is 10 cm from the mouth.

[I added this to your titles just in case. It's punishment for trying to eat it without my permission. I trust you in training, but I don't trust you at all when it comes to ramen. Only those who have my protection can received titles without going through the system. That's why I gave you this title.]

"-----"

Onee-sama, why would you give us such a terrible title?

"Hahaha, she don't trust us when it comes to ramen at all. In fact, I, Finn, and Iris tried to eat it. Thanks to Jin-san and Rikka, we were saved."

Oh, that's too bad. Ramen~~ Ramen~~

"Hey, I heard a scream and flew over here, but Jin and Rikka are the ones being punished! I thought it would be Iris and Rikka's combination, but I was wrong."

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"Ragius-san, did you know about the punishment?"

"Yeah, Sasha told me just before she left. I never thought Jin would be punished. You guys should just endure the ramen."

"Okay, we will endure it. We just don't want that punishment."

Onee-sama, that's terrible. We can't even taste it. If it's going to get more delicious the more we endure, we'll never eat ramen again!

Chapter 125: Arrived at the lowest floor, History of Spheretalia – Part 1

I was watching Jin and Rikka suffering through the security bird. Well, Rikka is one thing, but I never expected Jin to receive punishment. Adding a new title was the right decision. Considering your appetite, it was obvious that you would eat ramen and come up with some excuse like "sampling" or something. I hope you learned your lesson and will be patient in the future.

I resumed our conquest and finally reached the 50th floor underground. According to the Dullahan, there is only one man with long blond hair on the 50th floor who can guide me to the wall paintings. As I walked down the hallway, I came across a door. The man I was looking for was inside. Let's knock.

"Knock, knock."

"Please come in."

As we entered the room, there was the man we were looking for. He looked to be in his mid-20s.

"Sasha-sama, I've been waiting for you. I am Domitorius, the Dungeon Master of Olympus Ruins."

"Do you know me?"

"I know about Demogorgon-sama and Sphere-sama rather than Sasha-sama. I have been observing the situation up until this point. I also heard about your unique skill, 'Existence Concealment' from Demogorgon-sama, so it has no effect on me. Therefore, I also know that you have absorbed Demogorgon-sama's power."

He is an acquaintance of the two and a dungeon master. If he knows that I absorbed Demogorgon, then----

"I see. You've been monitoring all of Spheretalia from here."

"That's right. I have been given two missions. The first is to monitor Spheretalia, and the second is to give the complete knowledge and system manual of Spheretalia to the one who reaches the lowest layer. Originally, Iris-sama was supposed to come here after listening to all ten messages left by Sphere-sama. However, an unexpected event occurred. That is you, Sasha-sama."

"Hey, hey, that's not right. I understand that my presence is unexpected. But you see, it's because Sphere herself has gone strange. She gave me just an ordinary orichalcum sword, and she left the handling of Ryoichi Suzumi to Iris. There are too many holes in what she's doing! If you were watching, you should understand."

"That's right. Due to Saria-sama and the summoners, Sphere-sama has become strange. In fact, the later messages were mostly complaints. Although if you listen to all of them, you will understand that 'everything is in the Olympus ruins.' But still."

Originally, the plan was to create a new goddess by granting Iris all the knowledge and system manuals of Spheretaria.

However, due to my unexpected presence, I ended up becoming a goddess instead of an evil god. And that message, was it intended to lead me here in the end? Hmm, it feels like I skipped a lot of steps. Oh!

That means I can also find the coordinates of the management world here. Good! It saves me trouble. Let's ask some questions while I'm at

it.

"Did Sphere and Demogorgon foresee what was going to happen to them?"

"No, those two didn't have that kind of power. They just made the dungeon and prepared for unforeseen events as insurance, since I am the dungeon master."

The way it's said makes it sound like Sphere and Demogorgon cooperated in making this place, doesn't it?

"Hey, does the goddess Saria know about this place?"

"No, she knows about the Olympus ruins, but she doesn't know about my presence in the deepest level. Initially, Saria was supposed to inherit Sphere-sama's power. Well, I'll explain about Saria-sama and the summoner in order. First, come over here and look at the murals. Choose the one that will serve as the starting point from among the numerous murals."

Leaving Domitorius's room, the place he led to was a large space. The surrounding walls were covered in numerous murals. When viewed as a whole, there were murals depicting peace, war, and departures. I see, they are depicting history.

In that case, the starting point is... here.

"Excellent. You noticed in an instant among numerous murals. The starting point is [Nothing]. Now, let me tell you the history of Spheretalia that Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama taught me."

"First of all, there was nothing in this space initially. However, there was an alternate world nearby, and a great war involving gods and demons broke out there. The war lasted for 1000 years, but the

outcome was the worst possible result, the collapse of the alternate world. Naturally, all the gods and demons, as well as all living things, died."

Starting from a bad end, I see.

"As a result of the collapse of that alternate world, debris floated around the surrounding space. The debris gradually gathered in this space, and for some reason, a large explosion occurred. The alternate world that was born from that explosion is Spheretalia. Over billions of years, Spheretalia gradually took on its current form. The ground was formed, water was born, and it became a sea, which gradually grew larger. From there, various crustal movements occurred, forming several continents."

"This is similar to the birth of Earth where I came from."

"Yes, it's almost the same. However, there's one difference. That is the existence of magic elements. Earth doesn't have magic elements, so living things with magic power don't exist. But Spheretalia had magic elements from the beginning.

Therefore, all the creatures born here have magic power. I'll skip the history until the birth of humans, which is similar to Earth."

Well, we don't need the history until the birth of humans.

"It took about 5000 years for the first creatures to appear, and it took about 4000 years after the birth of humans for Sphereart to build a civilization that surpassed today's Earth."

Of course, something big must have happened by then.

"Up until this point, there was a big problem in Spheretalia. Every country was focused on immediate benefits and postponed solving the

problem, causing Spheretalia to be on the brink of collapse."

Hmm, it's so similar to Earth.

"So, what was the problem?"

"It was a shortage of magical energy. Magical energy was constantly emitted from the ground in Spheretalia, but-

"I see, the supply couldn't keep up with demand."

"Yes, scholars from each country had repeatedly warned about this issue based on past data, but every country thought optimistically that 'there's no way magical energy will run out.' And indeed, magical energy doesn't disappear. However, due to the development of civilization and the enormous consumption of magical energy, the concentration of magical energy in the atmosphere gradually decreased. Then, a big incident occurred in an advanced city."

"A big incident?"

"Yes, in a city that was particularly advanced among the advanced countries, tens of thousands of people became unable to breathe and died. As a result of the investigation, it was found that the concentration of magical energy in the atmosphere had drastically decreased. From then on, the same incident occurred in various places, and the population gradually decreased."

"The people of Spheretalia needed magical energy to survive. Well, it's natural that they would die if they didn't take any measures. As a way to counter it, they should have simply reduced the consumption of magical energy."

"Yes, that's right. However, they had a different idea. Initially, they adopted Sasha-sama's method, but riots occurred in all fields, including medicine, construction, agriculture, and sports."

Why riots? Since many people died in the big city, shouldn't everyone

be united there?

"Magical energy is essential in all fields. Reducing the consumption means that all functions of each field will be partially impaired. They couldn't tolerate that. So, a World Conference was held, and one project was launched."

One project?

"That is, moving to another world."

"Huh? Why did it come to that? They had advanced civilization, right? If they had a higher technological level than Earth, there would be various ways to artificially produce magical energy!"

"I understand what you're saying. They had a high technological level for making things based on magical energy, but the technological level without magical energy was close to zero. Besides, they didn't want to lower their current standard of living. They wanted a more luxurious life relying on magical energy."

They relied on magical energy so much. And even though they were facing the crisis of human extinction, they still had so much desire. They were completely running wild to satisfy their own desires!

"Eventually, they returned to the basis of consuming magical energy, and after 20 years of cooperation among countries, a ship to travel between different worlds was completed. By then, the entire human population had decreased by about half from 20 years ago, but on the other hand, civilization had further developed, and they succeeded in creating a management world and an artificial world that Sasha-sama had been seeking. However, the management world they created was very small, with a length, width, and height of only 1000m each. As a result, they gave up on creating an artificial world, and most people embarked on a journey to another world."

In the story so far, Sphere and Demogorgon haven't appeared at all, but will they show up soon?

"However, there were 100 people who chose to stay in this world. Among them were Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama."

Finally, they appear.

"The remaining 100 chose the option to revive their homeland, this world. Due to excessive consumption of mana, the balance of the world was disrupted, and it was in a situation where it could collapse at any time. So, before the collapse occurred, we decided to evacuate all technology to the management world. Ten days after the evacuation was completed, a major crustal movement occurred, causing all the buildings we had built to collapse, and we returned to the Redenburg we were born in. Of the 100 who witnessed this, all but Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama chose to enter cold sleep in the management world. Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama remained to watch over their future, and gathered all technology to undergo biological modification, acquiring robust bodies and the power of immortality. And in Redenburg, after tens of thousands of years, we returned to a world filled with mana like before. However, while there were six continents before, now there is only one giant continent, as Sphere-sama also knows. We conducted thorough investigations of the components in the atmosphere, the sea, and the land, and judged that there were no problems, so we thawed and relocated the people who were in cold sleep to Redenburg. Of course, we gave them some technology."

Hmm, I didn't know there was such a history. Both of them went through a lot. But something will go wrong somewhere, right? Demogorgon is going to be an evil god.

"The prototype of the current system in Redenburg was created by the two of them. It was created while the 98 people were sleeping, in order to prevent a major crustal movement that would destroy civilization. Before the collapse, there was no magic in Redenburg. Everything that used mana was concentrated in science. In this new world, concentrating on scientific technology could also lead to collapse. So, we developed a system for using mana for status, skills, and magic.

This way, we use mana, but the amount of mana consumed per person is significantly reduced compared to before the collapse, so even if the

population increases, demand will not exceed supply. After the completed system was introduced to everyone, including the two of them, we woke up the 98 people. They were surprised, but because the status, skills, and magic showed the strength of people, they were all happy. As a thank you, this world was named Spheretalia.

Demogorgon didn't want to be embarrassed, the name of Demogorgon-sama's mother, Talia-sama, was added."

Yeah, so far it's a good story.

"After the 98 people separated into various races, they each moved to a new land and built their own countries. The elves had a low birth rate, so they built towns instead of countries. After establishing the current foundation, there was a period of peace. Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama also watched over everyone from the management world with smiles on their faces. By their side was their child, Saria-sama, who was also smiling and watching over everyone."

What?! Saria's name was mentioned casually just now.

"Goddess Saria is the child of Spheretalia and Demogorgon!"

"Yes, after seeing off the 98 people, both of them worked hard to have children. And Saria-sama was born."

I never expected that they had children! This is unexpected.

"Let's continue the story. Those who woke up from cold sleep also passed down the history to the newborn children as a tradition, to ensure that such a collapse would never happen again. When those children grew up and had their own children, they continued to pass down the tradition. Through this method, they hammered in the message that excessive desires will lead to ruin. However, as time passed, civilization also slowly evolved. The people who passed down the tradition gradually decreased, and at the same time, all kinds of desires within the people began to awaken little by little."

Ah, so it's going to turn into a bad situation from here.

Chapter 126: History of Spheretalia – Part 2

Demogorgon and Sphere created the original plan for the current system, and introduced it to everyone, including themselves. After the major tectonic shifts subsided, they sent 98 people to Spheretalia and peace prevailed for a while.

Demogorgon, Sphere, and Saria watched over Spheretalia from the management world, living together like a family.

However, the 98 people who were not subjected to biological modifications grew old and passed away. They taught their children the history and passed it down as a tradition. However, as generations passed, the tradition was forgotten, and as civilization developed, people's desires and conflicts arose - or so it seemed.

"I have a question, did Sphere and the others not warn the people when they descended to Spheretalia?"

"They occasionally came down and talked with everyone, but they didn't reveal their true identities. They just watched over everything. Saria also played with the children. There were some minor disputes, but peace continued for about 500

years. However, after 500 years of migration, the tradition was almost forgotten, and people's desire for power began to emerge, leading to a large-scale war between nations."

Well, at least they managed to maintain peace for 500 years, right?

"The war claimed many lives and caused significant damage. Seeing this, Sphere and the others, who had anticipated such events, decided to observe for a while."

Well, there would have been wars even if Sphere and the others were still human, right?

"The problem is from here on. The war continued for 3, 5, 10 years without end. After winning some territories, they would try to seize the next one. The cycle of taking and being taken continued, and it was evident that the war would never end."

"Well, it was humans who started it, right? Even if the domestic situation worsens, they'll just allocate all their resources to military and continue the war, right?"

"---Exactly. The same thing is happening on Earth, isn't it?"

"On Earth, everything is more complicated because everyone is human."

It seems the same in every world.

"Although it was humans who started the war in Spheretalia, the beast people, demons, elves, and dwarfs all had similar thoughts, causing the war to escalate. The damage became greater, many people died, and hatred accumulated among the people, leading to a quagmire situation. Demogorgon, who believed that Spheretalia would perish if things continued, took drastic measures. His method was to remove negative desires such as hate and the desire for power from people."

He is doing something bold again. But what happened to the removed desires?

"There was no point in scattering the removed desires around Spheretalia, so Demogorgon incorporated them into himself."

"Hey, wasn't there another way? They both are gods and have far superior technology than Earth. Could you not convert the desire into magic or technology or something?"

"Unfortunately, there is no such convenient skill, magic, or technology. They could only use their skills and magic to extract negative emotions from people. The incorporation of negative emotions was successful. However, the method itself was the prelude to destruction for Demogorgon, Sphere and Saria."

Well, I see. The method that Demogorgon used was only a temporary

solution. People's desires cannot disappear. It is impossible! Instead of removing negative emotions from people, they could have landed in Spheretalia and brought together the leaders of each country to a discussion and negotiation table, allowing them to voice their opinions and reach a resolution. If they only removed negative emotions, it would only lead to the accumulation of dissatisfaction, resulting in another war.

Hmm, it seems that the situation will become worse in the future.

"Although they succeeded in removing negative emotions from people, after several decades, people started another major war. Each time a world war broke out, Demogorgon incorporated negative emotions into his body. As for Sphere, each war placed significant strain on the system, and he became absorbed in it, paying less attention to Saria. Saria, being a child understood that the two were busy, so she didn't say anything."

"Wait a minute. Isn't it strange that Saria is still a child after all this time?"

"After undergoing biological modification, Saria-sama was the first child born, and all three of them became immortal.

Saria-sama's body stopped growing at around the age of 12. It is believed that this is due to the side effects of the biological modification. Their mental age also remained at 12 years old."

Wait, so children are running this world?

"Demogorgon-sama, who had incorporated negative emotions, began to change. As he continued to incorporate them, he began to hate the people of Spheretalia. He was holding back the world's collapse, but no one thanked Sphere-sama or Demogorgon-sama. He began to wonder what he was protecting them for. Despite these doubts, he managed to endure and observe the situation. And then, three major wars broke out, and each time an incident occurred when he incorporated negative emotions."

Has his patience run out? Even if he undergoes biological modification

and becomes a god, there will eventually be a limit to the negative emotions he can incorporate into his mind and body.

"Demogorgon-sama said that he would destroy the people of Spheretalia and rebuild the world from scratch. Of course, Sphere-sama and Saria-sama opposed him. However, Demogorgon-sama's thoughts did not change. He even became violent towards Sphere-sama and Saria-sama, and their relationship fell apart. Sphere-sama did her best to stop Demogorgon-sama, while Saria-sama repaired the system alone. As a result, Saria-sama herself gradually became mentally unstable."

Hmm, it's becoming more and more depressing.

"Demogorgon chose the wrong way to stop the war."

"What would Sasha-sama do?"

"That's obvious. If they had chosen to observe until the end, I would have chosen to trust the people and see it through to the end! There have been two major wars between nations on Earth that have shaken the world. Although there were great casualties, the wars eventually stopped, and alliances were formed between nations to prevent further wars on a global scale. In short, the reason why Demogorgon and Sphere failed is because they couldn't fully trust the people they were observing. Moreover, if they didn't want a war, they could have gathered the leaders of each race and held discussions to prevent the war from happening. They could have even given pre-emptive punishment to those who were trying to start a war. But they didn't do any of that. They chose to observe. And as a result, a major war broke out. If they had continued to observe, there would have been great casualties, but the people could have understood each other, and the number of wars could have been greatly reduced from then on."

Well, the only choice was to observe. Perhaps there was a future where they could have understood each other. Of course, there may have been a future where they continued to wage war until they perished. Either way, considering the current situation, it is clear that the method of incorporating negative emotions as a means of stopping the war is flawed.

"Demogorgon-sama could no longer control himself and finally came down to Spheretalia and began to kill people. By then, his personality had collapsed, and he continued to incorporate negative emotions, becoming uncontrollable. At that point, it was believed that the world would truly collapse, and that was when Sphere-sama descended. Saria-sama stayed in the management world to manage the system. The battle between Demogorgon-sama and Sphere-sama was fierce.

Sphere-sama could have killed Demogorgon-sama, but she chose to seal him in another dimension, which was stored as a backup space. She succeeded in sealing him, and Sphere-sama began to be worshipped by the people."

Ironically, if the two had stopped the war when they first arrived, they might have been enshrined. "While Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama were fighting, the leaders of each country gathered and the war came to an end. With this, Spheretalia has regained peace."

Perhaps everyone returned to their senses because of their fight.

"However, in the management world, things were in chaos. When Sphere-sama returned, numerous errors occurred in the system and Saria-sama was unable to handle them alone."

Well, errors are bound to occur when gods fight.

"Sphere-sama and Saria-sama managed to handle the situation for the time being, but the main focus was now on fully restoring the system, and Sphere-sama dedicated herself to that task. Saria-sama, freed from Demogorgon-sama's violence, regained her composure and worked hard as Sphere-sama's assistant."

It looks like the evil king will appear from here.

"After a long time, just when the system was finally fully restored, a

new problem arose: the appearance of the Evil King and the Evil tribe."

"Here they come."

"Yes, before Demogorgon-sama went insane, he had come to one idea. It was that when civilization evolves beyond a certain point, major wars are more likely to occur. So, Demogorgon-sama created a system for the Evil King and the Evil tribe, which was introduced into the management system, without being found by Sphere-sama and Saria-sama. The Evil tribe was born from negative emotions such as hatred, and the souls of people with negative emotions were incorporated into the Evil King's egg. The Evil King, hatched from negative emotions, led many Evil tribe members and killed many people. And when half of Spheretalia's population died, the Evil King naturally disappeared and was reincarnated 50 years later."

"I see. That method certainly can temporarily regress a developed civilization. After 50 years, countries will regain their national power and civilization will continue to develop. Then the Evil King is introduced again to regress civilization."

"Sphere-sama was surprised when she saw the system's contents, but she silently consented, thinking that if it could prevent a major war, it was worth it."

It was probably because she thought that if such a war happened again, they would undoubtedly perish.

"At first, it went well, but the Evil King gradually gained intelligence and extended the interval between reincarnations to 200 years. Even the Evil King found it easy to postpone his revival. Sphere-sama also became suspicious, but decided to observe the situation. And 200 years later, when the Evil King was revived, his power was higher than expected, and no one could defeat him. That's when they came up with the idea of summoning people from another world. When summoned to Spheretalia from another world, they have a chance to meet Sphere-sama only once. At that time, they are given a status to defeat the Evil King. Sphere-sama's magic was conveyed as a

prophecy, and it was carried out."

I see. That was an event that took place 500 years ago.

"They didn't defeat the Evil King, but they succeeded in sealing him. There were 10 people summoned from another world, and four of them, Ryoichi Suzumi, Shintaro Myouji, Saeko Togo, and Tsutomu Morimoto, became Sphere-sama's allies."

"Was Shintaro Myouji also a member from 500 years ago? It's not in Ryoichi's memory."

"It's natural that he don't know him. At that time, he had a weak presence, and although the heroes were present when he was summoned, he was originally a timid person. So he did not join the members who were going to defeat the Evil King, but was assigned to guard the castle. However, due to his weak presence and administrative errors during the assignment, he was expelled as an illegal intruder after a month."

That's a bit of a pity. That's probably why it didn't stay in Ryoichi's memory.

"After being expelled, he became an adventurer and raised his strength to S-class level alone. Since the summoner members had completely forgotten about him after sealing the Evil King, so the six members returned to Earth without him."

It's really unfortunate that even the summoner members have forgotten about him.

"He himself did not want to return to Earth, so he didn't bear any grudges. When Sphere-sama summoned Ryoichi Suzumi, Shintaro Myouji, Togo Sae, and Tsutomu Morimoto to the church as a divine oracle, he did not appear. The reason was that he thought he would be burdened with tedious work."

It seems that Myouji is avoiding contact with the summoner members.

"Well, in the end, he went to the church later and agreed to it because it sounded interesting after hearing from Sphere-sama. As a result, four of them were subjected to biological modification and became gods. Their abilities are all around 10-15 million. Sphere-sama and Demogorgon-sama have 17 million, and Saria-sama has 15 million."

Hmm, then it's possible to defeat them immediately.

"Hey, why did Myouji summon demons?"

"Because he wanted someone to find him and kill him. He was bored with his current life. It's true that he sympathized with the Evil tribe, but the main reason was that he thought that if he summoned a large number of demons, someone stronger than him would eventually appear and come to kill him. The unexpected thing was that he summoned too many demons because his magic power was too large. At first, he was amused. Myouji and the demons are connected by a summoning contract, so it seems that they investigated one demon each that resides in Toifelberry scattered throughout Spheretalia. As a result, it was found that among the demons that became Toifelberry, four had stronger power than him and Saria-sama. He must have thought this was bad. He tried to quickly cancel the summoning contract and send the demons back to the dimension's gap, but he was caught by the demon king Berial. He is currently in the royal castle of Alteheim, but he is imprisoned in a dungeon with his skills and magic sealed."

Sigh, everyone is just stupid. They haven't thought about the residents of Spheretalia at all.

"Now, let me explain Saria-sama's current situation and the process leading up to the expulsion of Sphere-sama."

It's getting more and more unpleasant to hear. Well, this is the most important part, so I better listen carefully.

Chapter 127: History of Spheretalia – Part 3

We can hear the story of the goddess Saria from here.

"After the sealing of Demogorgon-sama, Sphere-sama and Saria-sama focused on restoring the system, but Sphere-sama stopped playing with Saria-sama. At first, Saria-sama was patient, but because her mental age had stopped at 12 years old, she gradually became stressed."

"It should have been peaceful until the Evil King appeared after the system was restored. What were they doing at that time?"

"Sphere-sama was sleeping for most of the time due to the exhaustion from the battle with Demogorgon-sama and the restoration of the system. Saria-sama couldn't manipulate the inside of the system because she didn't have the manual skill, so she was doing some work by looking at the blueprints. I didn't know what she was doing at first."

Well, Sphere and Demogorgon are almost equally powerful, so they must have consumed a lot of energy. If they focused all their efforts on restoring the system, it is natural to sleep deeply. Speaking of which, Saria could only adjust system errors and the like with the management system. I'm curious about what she was planning by looking at the blueprints.

"As for Saria-sama, since Sphere-sama was always sleeping, she talked and played with the auxiliary spirit of the system, Tail."

The auxiliary spirit of the system, Tail, huh? There are currently two people in the management world, Tail and Saria.

"Sphere-sama woke up several years before the Evil King's awakening, so her stress was significantly reduced. She was able to make calm judgments even when the Evil King was born. However, since the Evil King system was forcibly introduced by Demogorgon-sama, there was an excessive burden on the system during the Evil King's revival in Spheretalia. Sphere-sama was absorbed in suppressing that burden, so Saria-sama initially proposed to defeat the Evil King, but Sphere-sama rejected the proposal, saying, 'Let the people in Spheretalia take care of it.'"

Both Demogorgon and Sphere always deny Saria's opinions. If the Evil King woke up, Saria would land and defeat the Evil King first. She would reveal the Evil King system and leave the subsequent defeat to the people of Spheretalia. With 50 years of preparation, the initial damage could be minimized. Perhaps Saria suggested that?

"Sphere-sama also attempted to improve the Evil King system, but it was always in a situation where strict locks were in place, so she couldn't do anything. In the end, the Evil King was defeated, but a significant damage of 30% of the total population occurred. After the defeat of the Evil King, many people who died were incorporated into the reincarnation system, reducing the system's burden by only about 30%. Seeing this tragic situation, Saria-sama proposed an improvement plan for the internal of the system. However, Sphere-sama only briefly looked at it and rejected it."

Ah, she was looking at the blueprints to improve the system.

"Hey, I've been curious for a while now, but why do Demogorgon and Sphere always reject Saria's opinions? It's called an improvement plan, so it should be properly organized. It's strange to reject it without even looking at it, right?"

"I don't know even if you ask me. Demogorgon-sama and Sphere-sama haven't revealed the situation, so I don't know their feelings."

Hmm, Domitorius is just watching, after all. There's no point in complaining to him.

"After this, the Evil King will revive every 50 years, so we've been repeating the same thing over and over again.

However, when the period without the Evil King's revival continued for a while, both of us felt uneasy. So, Sphere-sama developed a secret plan in case something happened. That plan was to summon people from another world. And after 200

years, when the Evil King finally revived, an unprecedented burden came upon us. Sphere-sama was not surprised, since she had anticipated this, but the Evil King had more power than expected, so we had to inform other countries about the summoning through the

oracle."

"No matter what, Sphere refuses to rely on Saria. If she did, it would be over in one fell swoop. Why rely on people from another world?"

"Saria-sama was also supporting us, but it seems she was nearing her limits. Sometimes, she muttered to herself:

[Why do we always have to do things this way? If I could operate freely, I could do it more efficiently. Every time, I have to maintain the system in a troublesome way. If I did it myself, I could make Spheretalia more peaceful and easily defeat the Evil King! It's so frustrating! And what does that person think of me anyway?]"

I understand Saria's feelings. No matter what she says, she is neither heard nor seen, always denied. My family was like that too. My parents were both working, and when they came home, they were too tired to talk. If I voiced my opinion, they would beat me up.

So, I thought about it. Words alone wouldn't do. To improve my family, I had to start something myself. I consulted with a friend's mother who lived nearby and learned many things I could do on my own, such as cleaning, laundry, and cooking. And I put them into practice one after another. After about a week, we noticed that the house had become more livable. Then, I revealed everything to them, and they cried and told me about their problems. From then on, I helped my brother and did all the housework, and our family was peaceful.

Even if there is a counselor like spirit Tail, Saria is in a tough environment.

We should listen to Saria's opinion too. It depends on the story whether we should defeat the Evil King or not.

"We succeeded in reducing the burden on the system by sealing the Evil King. After that, those four members became responsible for managing the system. After teaching the members how to do the same

job as Saria-sama, Sphere-sama told Saria-sama, 'You don't have to work anymore.' In a way, this was the trigger that made Saria-sama go crazy. She explained the situation to the four members and planned to drive Sphere-sama out from here."

Saria misunderstood that Sphere had used her up. It was a mistake to tell someone like Saria, who is knowledgeable about the system, that "You don't have to work anymore". She completely misunderstood the usage of the word. That's why Saria misunderstood Sphere's intention. I see, that's why Saria planned to drive Sphere away. She wasn't listened to, and when the number of people was enough, she was considered "used up." That's why her feelings towards her mother turned into hatred. It's a sad ending for Demogorgon, Sphere-sama, and Saria.

"Everyone agreed to Saria-sama's plan and deliberately caused errors. They did this gradually, increasing the number of errors to increase the load on Sphere-sama. During this time, Togo Sae and Morimoto Tsutomu noticed their mistake after seeing Sphere-sama's work and tried to persuade Saria-sama several times. However, no matter how many times they tried to persuade her, Saria-sama did not nod. Eventually, they had a falling out and the two of them transformed into High Elves and are currently in hiding in the Sylphiel Kingdom of the Elves. A few days before the falling out, I confirmed that

the two High Elves had died from illness, so they pretended to be in a state of temporary death and overcame the disease by taking on the same appearance, living normally to this day."

"They're probably watching us from the flying insects behind me."

"Yes, that's right. The problem now is what those two will do in the future. If they become enemies of Sasha-sama, they will be defeated in an instant. Even if they escape, Sasha-sama can sense their soul and can instantly teleport, meaning they have no escape. It will be interesting to see what they will do."

"You're also a complete spectator."

"Yes, but going back to the story, after the falling out, Sphere-sama

was completely absorbed in maintaining the system until Sasha-sama and the others were summoned. After sending everyone except Sasha-sama to Spheretalia, the limit was reached and she fled to another world. It is unknown where she fled as it is outside of our observation. As for Sasha-sama, Saria-sama sent you to Spheretalia because you had a cuter face than Saria herself, granting you appropriate stats and unique skills. As for Suzumi, he has been throwing his work around and creating Zombie Houses. As for Myouji, he carried out a demon summoning four months before Sasha-sama and the others were summoned and then disappeared from the management world. That's the history up until now."

The long story finally ended.

"Demogorgon, Sphere has met a miserable end. I ate Demogorgon and Sphere fled to another world. What about Saria now?"

"Well, she's currently in a very dangerous situation."

"Dangerous situation?"

"Yes, due to the demon summoned by Myouji, the system is under a great deal of stress. It was still okay during the time of Toifelberry, but recently, demons that rapidly integrate into people and increase in number have been increasing."

"Could it be that Saria hasn't told me anything because of this?"

"Sasha-sama's power has increased significantly, so the complete concealment of yourr existence is fully in effect. In addition, Saria-sama is completely absorbed in repairing the system errors caused by the demon summoning, so she has completely forgotten about your existence."

"Is my power not a burden on the system?"

"Sasha-sama is the exception here. As the summoner from Earth and having absorbed Demogorgon's power, you started at a low level with many irregularities such as gratitude and worship from people of Earth and Spheretalia. Normally, the system would have gone out of control in the early stages, but Sasha-sama's body has evolved to withstand it by incorporating Demogorgon's power. Sasha-sama's body itself is like a system. You should have an idea. New skills, combined magic, protection, and titles are all borne by Sasha-sama."

I didn't notice at all. I have a clear idea of everything.

"Ahaha, so I became like a system myself... I have a lot of ideas about it. Well, thanks to that, I was able to obtain this power."

"At this rate, the system will inevitably break down and Spheretalia will disappear. There is only one way to save it. If Sasha-sama inherits Sphere-sama's power and connects to the management system, Sasha-sama's own power will become the processing power of the system, and errors will disappear within a few days."

Certainly, there is no other way.

"What should we do about Saria before that? Is she maintaining it now with Tail?"

"Yes, that's right. What will Sasha-sama do next?"

The next action.

"Hey, if I inherit the power, can't I easily get rid of the evil king?"

"It's impossible for the devil, but with Sasha-sama's current strength, you can easily eliminate the Evil King system regardless of whether the Evil King is in Spheretalia or not."

If that's the case, the priority is:

1. Reconcile with Saria and cooperate to perform emergency measures on the system
2. Defeat all demons or send them back to their original dimension
3. Defeat or reconcile with Sae and Tsutomu
4. Destroy the Evil King system and create something to replace it
5. Return the heroes to Earth

The people of Spheretalia are dismantling the Evil Tribe and using them as food, so if we carelessly eliminate all of them, it will be a serious problem.

"The plan is simple. I will inherit the power of Sphere. Then, I will understand the operation method of the system, right?"

"Yes, let's go to the room behind the mural."

Well, now I have a better idea of what to expect in the future.

First, let's take over the power and reconcile with Saria.

Defeating her is indeed... a little bit...

Chapter 128: Let's go to the world management

When I went to the part with the mural, there were magic stones embedded there. I see, this is the door that Dullahan was talking about. When Domitorius touched the magic stone, the mural on the door disappeared, and a passage appeared.

"In the room ahead, there is a crystal ball containing Sphere-sama's power and system manual skills. Please put it on your forehead. By doing so, the manual information of the system and the coordinates of

the management world will be inputted. However, there is a considerable amount of information. Depending on the case, your memory may crash and become irreparable, but there is no need to worry if it's Sasha-sama."

"Hey! You were planning to let Iris do this, weren't you? You were planning to raise Iris's ability beyond her limit by forcing her to go around ten places with messages, and then by clearing this S-class dungeon, you were planning to raise her ability to around 50,000 to 100,000 with this crystal ball and evolve her into a god?"

"You guessed it! That's right. However, as I put in the messages, Sphere-sama put in unnecessary comments such as Zombie House, I thought it wouldn't come true. However, with the unexpected appearance of Sasha-sama, I have been waiting for this day."

He's always in good spirits. When we walked down the passage, we arrived at a circular room with a crystal ball in the center.

"Is this it?"

"Yes."

All right, let's inherit Sphere's power!

When I put the crystal ball on my forehead, a huge amount of information was input into my head. This is a considerable amount of information! Let's just clear my mind and input it.

----- After a while, nothing else came in.

"That's the end, good job. As expected of you. Normally, you should have passed out due to the huge amount of information, but you took it in easily."

"Maybe it's because of my parallel thinking skills. I don't try to take in the information too much, but I just clear my mind or focus on something else, and time passes in no time while doing that."

"It's impossible for ordinary people. Did you train for something on Earth?"

"I didn't do anything in particular. I just lived a normal life. In my case, I had little study time because of housework. So, I thought about how to study efficiently, and I listened to English listening while cooking, or listened to news programs on TV. I also studied for exams while taking a bath. At first, I was tired, but as I continued patiently, my body got used to it.

Other than that, I didn't do anything special."

"If you can think about things in parallel to that extent in a world without magic or skills, that's enough."

Now that I've seen the inputted manual, it's clear that it's technically far beyond Earth's civilization. But----

"This management system (for example, a desktop computer) has only one thing that is not much different from Earth's technology."

"Oh, what is that?"

"The CPU (information processing device), which is the most important thing to run the system, is not much different from Earth's technology."

"Well, I don't know about the system inside, but is that important?"

"Yes, the processing speed of the CPU built into the system is slow. As a result, errors occur because the information cannot be processed. No matter how skilled the operator is, it is meaningless if the fundamental thing is slow."

"Sasha-sama, can you make that CPU right away?"

"Not immediately. Also, there's something else I found out."

"What is it?"

"As far as the system OS (like WinOows10) is concerned, Saria's opinion is correct. There are some inefficient parts that need to be fixed in order to get through this crisis."

According to the manual, even Saria can perform basic repairs on the system's errors. But in order to improve the system OS, I have to go myself. I have to cooperate with Saria here.

I can't believe I have to work with the person who brought me into this situation. It's ironic.

"I never thought I'd end up working with Saria."

"Do you still hate her?"

"It's complicated. If I hadn't become an evil king, Spheretalia would probably have been in a more dire situation. Besides, I was able to meet important friends. So I can't blame her completely."

"You're still kind, Sasha-sama. I'm glad it was you who inherited Sphere-sama's power."

"Stop it. Anyway, I'm going to the management world now."

"Yes, please be careful."

Going to the management world based on the coordinates, it was a wide space. And when I saw a certain section, there was a large three-story building. It was more like a building than a house. That was the

only building around. There was also a healing park with trees planted there, and there were giant slides and flowing pools. It was clearly made as a playground for families.

There was no door at the entrance of the building, but there was a device to authenticate something. Do I have to place my hand there? Let's try that.

"New master, Sasha Falling-sama, we've been waiting for you. We will transfer you to the laboratory."

T/N: Why Sasha? I think I'd prefer Akane more, huft huft

Oh, it will transfer me automatically!

When I noticed, I was inside the laboratory. When I looked back, there was one device outside, and there was another device in front of me. Is it a system that transfers between devices? Hmm, the manual is included, but I'm not used to it yet. According to the manual, there is a system in the central laboratory on the first floor.

Let's go there right away.

Hmm, even though I'm walking through the corridor, there's nothing around me. It feels very lonely. There's a problem with the interior too. After a while, there was a large closed door. This is the central laboratory. Um, according to the manual, I just need to hold my hand up to authenticate and the door will open. Let's try that.

Beep

"Authentication complete."

Now, what's inside?

When I opened the door and entered, it was in a terrible state. Everything was scattered around. It had become a complete dump. What's going on? Someone flew in. Is that a spirit?

"You're... Sasha-sama! Why are you in the management world?"

This child is a supplementary spirit of the system. She's a cute girl about 120cm tall. If she's a spirit, she must have heard about me from the spirit kings in Spheretalia.

"To put it simply, I inherited the power of Sphere. That's why I was able to move to the Management World. My purpose is--"

"Wait a moment. Please don't defeat Saria-sama. She's a pitiful goddess. She just wanted attention from her mother, Sphere-sama. She may be twisted, but she's a good goddess! Please don't kill her."

Oh, this child is really worried about Saria.

"Listen to me until the end. I won't defeat Saria. I came here to restore the system. Anyway, guide me to Saria's location!"

"Are you really not going to defeat her?"

"You're persistent! I won't defeat her!"

"Alright, I'll guide you."

When I was led inside, one girl was desperately operating the system. Is this Saria? She's around 12 years old with short hair and a sharp look in her eyes. It must be because of her long life.

"Oh, you're alive. I could faintly feel your existence, but is it Shimizu Akane? How did you become human again? You made it all the way here, huh?"

She's desperately manipulating the system, not looking at me while talking. She has no manners at all! Alright, I'll punish her.

BAM

I hit Saria on the head with a fist.

"Ouch, what are you doing!"

"When talking to people, look into their eyes!"

I can tell from looking at her that she's struggling and weak. Her face looks like she's been staying up all night for several days.

"What are you doing here? We're in the middle of a crisis right now. We don't have time to pay attention to you!"

Oh no, this is bad. I can't see what's going on around me because of exhaustion.

"Saria! Just go to sleep for now. We'll talk later."

"I don't have time--uh--zzzzz"

"Alright, she fell asleep."

For times like this, forcibly making her sleep is the quickest solution.

"What are you doing?! The system is constantly showing an error status!!!"

This child is good at pointing out problems, but her voice is too loud.

"What's your name?"

"Uh, I'm Tail."

"I'll let Saria sleep on that bed over there. While she's sleeping with Regeneration, she should wake up in about three days.

During that time, I'll repair all the system errors. I inherited Sphere's power, so I'm like a supplemental system myself, and I can repair everything before Saria wakes up. I'll improve the system after that."

"Uh, can you explain it to me? I can't keep up with what you're saying at all."

"Wait a moment. First, let's connect to the interior of the management system and understand the current information."

"Eeeeeee, only Sphere-sama can connect to the interior--Howww!"

"Be quiet. [Silence]."

"Eek! Yes, I'll be quiet!"

Finally, she's quiet after being intimidated. Let's sit in Saria's seat and work on understanding the current situation.

I see. There are a lot of errors. Most of them are due to the demon summoning by Myouji. To solve the problem fundamentally, we need to either help Myouji and send the demons back or eliminate all the demons with my power. The latter is not an option. The people of Spheretalia will rely on me too much. Let's proceed with the former.

First, let's repair the system errors. I'll use my own power and the system's power to repair them!

Chapter 129: Reconciliation with Saria (Feeding Saria with cooking)

Ah, I finally finished.

There were an extraordinary number of errors, and it ended up taking me four days to fix them all!

According to Tail, Saria had been checking and gradually reducing them every day, almost staying up all night. She's definitely more capable than Demogorgon or Sphere.

"Sasha-sama, that's amazing. To fix all those errors in just four days!"

"In my case, I'm adding my own power on top of the manual I inherited from Sphere. What's amazing is Saria. With the knowledge and experience of the previous system alone, she's been gradually reducing the errors every day to prevent Spheretalia from collapsing. Without her, it might have collapsed by now."

"Mmmm, Vivaboro, do you understand the meaning of my words?"

"Saria, don't talk with your mouth full. I can't understand what you're saying."

Yes, I reconciled with Saria during those four days. To be precise, it's a bit different from reconciliation.

Time goes back a bit...

Three days have passed since Saria was forcibly knocked out and the system repair began.

About 70% of the errors have been fixed. Really, what a number of

errors! Saria was able to handle all of them alone. For now, all the high priority errors have been fixed. We can take a break now.

"What are you?! Where did you learn that power?!"

I looked towards the bed and saw Saria awake. Her complexion has improved since three days ago, but she's still far from a full recovery.

"My name now is Sasha Falling. For now, it seems your physical strength has slightly recovered."

"Hmph, I won't thank you! Knocking me out and making me sleep, what were you thinking?!"

"Well, if I didn't do that, you wouldn't have listened to me, right? And your head is a bit clearer now, isn't it?"

"Ugh, hmph! Anyway, explain to me why you can use Sphere's power!!!"

Rumble rumble

Oh dear, my stomach growled loudly.

"Before we talk, we need to eat."

"What?! I don't want to eat the food you made!"

"Saria-sama! Sasha-sama's cooking is incredibly delicious!"

"I don't want it!"

She's quite stubborn.

Hehehe, in that case, let's take this approach.

"Tail, just put it on the table for now."

"Yes!"

I put out all the children's dishes I've made so far: fried chicken, pork cutlet, croquette, ginger pork, salad, and grilled rice balls. They're quite oily, but considering Saria's age, this is best. However, she's tired now and her stomach is weak, so let her eat this first.

"Saria, you're tired now and it's hard to eat all this at once. So, eat this first. I made an 'okayu' (rice porridge) that's been infused with broth. It's light and really delicious."

Rumble rumble

"Ugh, f-fine. I'll eat it! If it's bad, I'll spit it out."

"That's fine. If it's bad, I won't force you to eat it."

"Hmph, your cooking is--"

She fell silent as soon as she took a bite.

Oh, she started eating quickly. Well, at least she took a bite. First, I need her to eat the food and get rid of her disgust towards me.

"W-What is this taste? I've never had anything like this before! I'm going to eat everything here."

"Yes, let's eat together with all three of us."

"Yayyyy!"

From there, Saria's pace quickened. The fried chicken and croquettes were also suitable for the children here. Even though Tail was smaller than us, she ate with great vigor.

"Ugh!"

Oops, Saria choked.

"Here, drink some water!"

I took the cup from my hand and she drank it down.

"That was close, I thought I was going to die."

She started eating the fried chicken again with incredible speed. I understand that she's usually hungry, but what kind of diet does she usually have?

After about 20 minutes, she seemed satisfied and collapsed on the spot.

"That was delicious."

"Sasha-sama's cooking is the best!"

"Well, thank you."

She didn't make eye contact with me, but at least she acknowledged my gratitude.

"Thanks to Sasha, my head has cooled down."

"Alright, shall I explain then? It's about how I came to be able to come

here."

Saria finally looked into my eyes. Oh wow, she's actually a cute girl when I see her like this.

"After being forced to drink the evil mind drug by Saria, I met with Demogorgon."

"Whaaaat?!"

"Why did you meet with Demogorgon? Wasn't that drug supposed to turn Sasha into a member of the evil tribe?"

"Who told you that?"

"Remember that Urubusu I killed for fun? "

"That's a lie. The drug's effect is to connect the mind of the person who takes it with the other dimension where Demogorgon is. Urubusu probably thought he could get away with telling you some random lie."

"What?! Then why is Sasha here?"

Yes, you're calling me by my name properly.

"Originally, after Demogorgon ate my soul, he was supposed to revive in Spheretalia by possessing my body. However, on the contrary, I ate Demogorgon and absorbed his power."

"Eeeeeeeeeeeeeee, What?! No way!"

"What? Sasha-sama, you ate Demogorgon-sama? How did you do it?"

"That's right. He was the worst father who used to abuse me violently. He was stronger than me, so how did you eat him?"

It's understandable for them to be surprised.

"Saria, thanks to you. The unique skill, 'Freedream' allowed me to use it after the connection was made between my mental world and the other world where Demogorgon resides. With that power, I turned him into a steak bento. And to

top it off, the timing of the transformation was right after he said 'I'll show you my true form.' So his true form ended up being a steak bento. Just imagine that situation."

"Hahaha! He's so stupid! His true form is a steak bento! Hahaha, that's hilarious!"

"Demogorgon-sama's... true form is... a steak bento... Hahaha, that's too funny!"

They laughed heartily, but didn't I kill Saria's father?

"That useless unique skill of yours killed Demogorgon, huh? Well, he may have been my father, but strangely, I don't feel sad. He used to beat me and Sphere up so much. Plus, he was already insane, so it's good that he's dead. I wanted to kill him myself, but I'll thank you for doing it. But now, Sasha's power completely surpasses his."

"First, with Freedream, I wished to absorb all of Demogorgon's stats except for his level. And thanks to successfully absorbing them, I now have the same stats as him even though I started at a low level."

"I see, you thought it through. Demogorgon, like Sphere, has all sorts of skills. Starting from a low level, you've surpassed him. But that's not all, is it?"

Hehe, Saria is really smart.

"Yes, after purifying everyone in Ryoichi Suzumi's zombie house, I connected to the dungeon core and took over everything. I'm now the dungeon master for both the Marco Ruins and the zombie house. After

that, since the zombie house was in a different dimension, I connected it to the other world where Demogorgon was and set it up so that my Freedream could be used."

"You took over the dungeon, connected the zombie house in a different dimension to where Demogorgon was, and made it so Sasha's unique skill could be used. That's really crazy."

Even from Saria's perspective, my actions were abnormal.

"Afterward, I met Ryoichi Suzumi himself and led him to the zombie house to steal his stats. Now, he's trapped in a corner of the zombie house and is being punished by converting all of his emotions into my energy until he dies."

"Huh! Ryoichi, huh. That bastard was good for helping me, but he would occasionally escape and summon lots of people from other worlds to play in the zombie house. But now he's trapped in it. Serves him right!"

"Due to the purification of the people in the zombie house, my race changed from evil god to goddess."

"Well, if you defeat lots of evil tribes and save lots of people, karma should turn around for you."

Karma... I see. It's a system where if you defeat evil tribes, you move towards the side of the goddess, and if you save humanity, you move towards the side of the evil god.

"Now onto what's currently happening. I entered Redenburg and encountered demons and Toifelberry."

Sigh

Ah, she's really angry.

"That bastard Myouji. Thanks to him, the system was almost overloaded and about to break. I don't even have time to play anymore! I'll be the one to kill him!"

"Regarding the demons in Redenburg, I annihilated the demons and Toifelberry around the Olympus Ruins. The demons in other areas were taken care of by the demon king Ragius, and Toifelberry was defeated by my comrades."

"Wait a minute. The second half doesn't make sense! Why would the demon king kill his own demons? And how did Sasha's comrades defeat Toifelberry?"

"The Demon King Ragius has memories of his past life. By the way, he lived in the same country as me in his past life.

That's why Ragius supports humanity more than demons. He's a lone wolf even in the demon world, so he doesn't care about the miserable fate of the demons. Another thing about Toifelberry, but it's only for my comrades, they can defeat the devil's core just by eating it."

"Haa!"

"All my comrades have my protection, but only those who have my protection can destroy the demon's core just by eating it."

"What! What is that! How strong are you! Even now, I can tell that you're 4-5 times stronger than me."

"Well, I haven't fully grasped it myself. Before coming to Olympus, it was about 300 million, but since then, I've gotten stronger by dealing with a lot of demons and Toifelberry. I probably have about 600 million now."

Yes, I really don't fully understand it.

"600 million!!!"

"Sasha-sama, this is strange. It's abnormal! Why isn't the system overloaded?"

I can understand Tail's complaint.

"According to Dungeon Master Domitorius, who was at the bottom of the Olympian ruins, my body has been gradually evolving due to the actions I have taken so far, and now I have acquired a system manual skill, so it seems to be similar to a small management system. In fact, if I combine my power and system manual skill, I can manipulate my status without going through the management system, but only for those who have my protection."

Yes, I inherited Sphere's power and found out that I can manipulate not only titles but also all of my status. I wonder how much of a monster I will become.

"I'm sorry."

"What did you say just now?"

"I said I'm sorry! It's my fault that you're suffering a fate worse than death. I really feel bad about it."

"Wow, Saria-sama apologized! Is this a premonition of something happening?"

BAM

"Ow! Saria-sama, that hurt so much!"

"Well, in a way, I'm grateful to Saria."

"What?! What do you mean?"

"If I had remained human, I would have been killed when the Evil Tribe attacked the capital of the Thermia Kingdom.

The Thermia Kingdom itself would have been extremely likely to be destroyed. Becoming an evil god saved the Thermia Kingdom. I also saved Prince Keith of the Gardia Empire. This prevented a war between nations. In Redenburg, I was able to defeat a troublesome Toifelberry just by eating it. See, Saria gave me the Unique Skill [Freedream] and the Evil Heart Medicine out of jealousy, which significantly reduced the burden on the system."

"Hmph, yeahhh! You should be thanking me! It's not like I saved you!"

"Saria-sama, you're getting too carried away. If you keep that up..."

It's too late. Yes, it's true that Saria's harassment of me has ultimately saved three countries. But you know, it's also a fact that my life has changed significantly because of her. Therefore, I will execute punishment.

"I was originally going to defeat Saria when I met her, but I changed it to a thousand spankings after hearing from Domitorius."

"Haa? Why do I have to be punished!?"

"It's because of you that my life has changed so much. But in the end, thanks to that, I was able to save many people and gain important friends. Taking that into account, I'll reduce your punishment from a thousand spankings to ten spankings and a little tickling. Bad girls need to be punished, you know."

With that, I promptly lifted Saria onto my shoulders.

"Wh-what are you doing!?"

"I'm going to carry out your sentence right here and now."

"What do you mean!?"

"Ooooooh, Saria-sama is going to get a spanking!"

spank spank spank spank

"Ouch! It hurtttt---s, stop it!"

spank spank spank spank

"Ouchhhh!"

"Do you have anything to say to me?"

"Uhh, I'm soooo sorry! I was wrong. I'm sooooo sorry."

"Good, you said it nicely. I'll reduce your sentence by two spankings."

I put Saria back down on the floor.

"This is the first time I've ever experienced such humiliation! Hey, why are you putting your hands on my hips? "

"The punishment isn't over yet. I'm going to tickle you now."

"Tickle me?"

Now it's time to finish the punishment! Hyahh!

"Aaah~! Wha-what is this? Ahh~! "

"Oh, Saria-sama is screaming!"

"Tail---, you're---, ahhhhhhhhhhhh!"

thud

twitch twitch twitch

Looks like she fainted.

Now then, who's next?

"Why are you putting your hands on my hips, Sasha-sama?"

"Tail needs to be punished too."

"W-What?! Ahh~! Why me too?!"

"You couldn't stop Saria's misbehavior"

"Mugyaaaaaah!"

thud

twitch twitch twitch twitch twitch

"Phew, punishment over! Bad girls need to be punished, but I reduced their sentences quite a bit."

They're both unconscious, so they didn't hear me.

----15 minutes later----

"What kind of punishment was that? I never want to experience that again."

"Me neither. That was terrible."

"If you do something wrong, punishment is only natural."

"Ugh, I'm sorry."

"Seeing you two like this, Sasha-sama seems like Saria-sama's older sister."

"What? Why does Sasha have to be my sister!?"

"In a way, she is. Because she absorbed Demogorgon's power."

"What! I'm never calling her that! Sasha is enough!"

I wonder if the reconciliation was somehow successful.

Now, shall we fix the remaining system errors?

(And we're back to the beginning.)

Chapter 130: Perform emergency measures on the system

In the story, think of the "management system" as something like a desktop computer with a system OS like Win○ows10.

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After coming to the management world, fixing the system error and reconciling with Saria was good, but I still haven't asked about Sphere in detail. Should I ask?

"Hey, Saria."

"What?"

"Why did you kick Sphere out?"

"Hmph, you've heard everything up until now from Domitorius, haven't you?"

"I want to hear it directly from you."

Yes, I have heard it from Domitorius. But things that are just observed are indirectly considered when coming up with answers. It's not necessarily correct. In cases like this, it's more reliable to ask someone who actually experienced it directly.

"---Sphere and Demogorgon were both good parents at first. I thought it was great to become their children. But they went mad during the war in Spheretalia. I knew the signs of the war were coming. I advised them to stop it many times through

oracles, but they stubbornly denied all my opinions. They chose to watch, no matter what happened. Frankly, I thought they were foolish. For the time being, I decided to follow them without saying anything."

Hmm, Saria has been expressing her opinion from the beginning.

"And then the war began and showed no signs of stopping. And then, I reached my limit. Demogorgon ignored my and Sphere's opinions and kept absorbing negative emotions. Even though he said that method was only temporary, he ignored my opinion again. In the end, Demogorgon, who took in too many negative emotions, reached his limit. That was the worst time. He punched me and Sphere, who expressed our opinions, over and over again. In the end, he was sealed by Sphere. It's a good thing he's gone. Sphere and I fixed the system error, but there were some complicated parts. I can fix the system error, but I can't manipulate the internals of the system OS, so I looked at the system OS design and found inefficient parts, redesigned them, and showed them to Sphere. If I did it that way, I could definitely get some feedback.

But, Sphere just looked at it lightly and said, "This won't work." Until Myouji and the others were summoned, I repeatedly pointed out the inefficient parts of the system, but she just lightly dismissed my

points. After Demogorgon was sealed, I hardly played anymore, and it was useless to express my opinion. I began to wonder why I even existed. And then, when the Evil King was resurrected and the system error occurred again, I thought to myself. This person only sees me as an assistant. If she thought of me as a child, she would listen to me and cooperate with me. When Myouji and the others visited here to help Sphere with her work, she said to me--- Sphere said to me

[You don't have to work anymore, Saria-chan. You can play in the park or something.]

Sphere completely made me an outcast. She told me to go play by myself. I've been following the system for so long that I know it inside out. And yet, she kicked me out. That's why I wanted to kick her out of this world. But my mistake was thinking that the manual skill for the system was somewhere in the management world, so I kicked her out before looking for it. But I couldn't find it anywhere. I was really worried. As for Sasha, you was cuter than me, but I sent you to Spheretalia with a random skill and made you drink the same evil potion out of spite."

"Oh, out of spite, I received the 'Free Dream' and was made to drink the 'Evil Potion'! Oh well. Saria also struggled. It's clear who's to blame."

"Hey Sasha, do you think I'm saying something wrong? Those two have never listened to my opinion. If my opinion is wrong, they should correct me. But they stubbornly deny it without explaining anything to me. They just reject my suggestions for system modifications without any explanation. I wondered what I was even there for. And then, just because she could fill our numbers, she didn't need to abandon me!"

Hmm, I understand Sphere's feelings and Saria's point of view. I have to be careful how I tell Saria this.

"I see. There are some similarities to Domitorius story, but when combined with your story, it's Sphere and Demogorgon who are the bad guys."

"Right?! Sasha also thinks so, right?! "

"Why do you say that?! I actually think that Sphere-sama and the others are in the right. I just didn't want to cause any trouble for Saria-sama."

Tail also thinks like Sphere and Demogorgon. I understand what they're trying to say.

"Let's point out the bad points. First, Tail, you treat Saria like a child too much! Sphere told you to 'help Saria, who won't grow past 12 years old.' "

"Uh, yes, that's right. Actually, Saria-sama looks and has the mental age of around 12 years old."

thud

"Ow!"

"You're so blunt about things that people are sensitive about."

"Well, I just answered the question."

These two are perfectly in sync.

"First, change that way of thinking. It's true that Saria may be mentally around 12 years old, as Tail says. But intelligence and mental age are unrelated. Saria is much more capable than Sphere and Demogorgon. It's good evidence that she's steadily reducing a huge number of system errors all by herself."

"Uh, now that you mention it."

"Hmph, you won't get anything even if you praise me!"

First, let's change Tail's way of thinking.

"Saria, I also felt something when I looked at the manual for the management system. The fatal flaw is that the information processing unit CPU, which is the heart of the management system, is weak, and there are over 20 inefficient parts in the system OS."

"Wow, your thoughts are the same as mine. I don't really understand what a CPU is, but I agree with you about the inefficient parts. This is my suggestion for improvement."

I looked at Saria's improvement proposal. As I thought, it's almost the same as the part I thought of. I understand why Sphere and Demogorgon stubbornly reject Saria's opinion.

"I knew it. Saria's proposal is all correct. It almost matches what I was thinking."

"Eh!? Sasha, did you just approve my proposal?"

"Yes, I did. Besides this proposal, there are also some inefficient parts. For example... here."

I spread out the system OS design blueprint on the table and pointed to a section.

"Oh! This part is not a big problem."

"You're being too lax! There are six parts like this. Each one is small, but by fixing these six parts, the processing speed will improve slightly. What we need to do now is to repair all these inefficient parts. Just by doing that, the system's processing speed will become several times faster and errors will be less likely to occur."

"Oh! Then if Saria-sama's proposal was correct, why didn't Sphere-sama do anything?"

The reason is simple.

"It's a simple matter. Sphere knew that Saria's proposal was correct, but she's also a researcher. Saria was able to come up with a solution instantly for a problem that Sphere had been struggling with for a long time. She must have had pride in developing the system. She didn't want to acknowledge Saria's proposal. Therefore, while looking at Saria's proposal, she wanted to create a better proposal herself. In the end, she couldn't do it though."

"What!? For such a small pride, she didn't adopt my proposal! If she did, the system load would have been greatly reduced. It should have also reduced the burden on Sphere herself, so why?"

"As the person who developed the management system from scratch, she had pride in the system like no other. At the same time, she was jealous of Saria because she recognized that Saria was more talented than she was. As a researcher, she wanted to prove that she was more talented than you. That's why she stubbornly denied your opinion. Demogorgon was the same. She had been thinking of a way to avoid war, but Saria came up with a better solution first. He probably thought that if he followed this proposal, there was a high possibility of avoiding war. However, he didn't want to admit it.

Like Sphere, she thought there was always a better solution, so he didn't incorporate your opinion. In short, both of them refused to acknowledge Saria's opinions or proposals because their pride as researchers was too high. If they had considered Saria's position as their daughter and properly incorporated your opinions, we wouldn't have ended up in such a tragic situation."

Yes, both of them were only thinking about things from the perspective of researchers. That was the fundamental cause.

"..."

"What's wrong with that? Saria-sama is pitiful. If both of them had

thought about Saria-sama as daughter..."

"Sphere was supposed to have thought about it. Probably, she added the Myouji group to reduce Saria's burden even a little bit. That's why she said something like, 'Saria-chan doesn't have to work anymore. You can play in the park or something.' Well, it backfired though."

Regarding Sphere, she had considered both her position as a researcher and a parent. But she couldn't balance both. If she had told Saria everything she was dealing with, this tragic outcome may not have happened.

"Sasha-sama, wasn't there a way for the three of them to be happy?"

"Well, now that I've heard both Domitorius and Saria's opinions, I can say this, but when I think about Saria's position, there was only one way to be happy."

"What is it?"

"All three of them had to spill out all the problems they were holding in. If they had done that, they might have understood each other's problems and could have cooperated. But that's an idealistic view from an objective person's perspective. From their own perspective, they wouldn't tell their children about the problems they were holding as both a researcher and a parent. That's because various factors overlapped, leading to this situation."

"Hahaha, in the end, we should have talked honestly about the problems we were holding, and this wouldn't have happened. Hmph, it's too late to realize that now! After all, what Sasha said was idealistic, things can't be resolved so easily! I have no intention of running away like those guys. I love Spheretalia too. Right now, solving the problems we're holding is a priority!"

Oh, I see. Maybe Saria actually protected everyone else after I was being forced to drink the evil potion, since everyone else was unharmed except for me.

"That's right. First, let's introduce Saria's proposal into the system."

"Sasha-sama, Saria-sama, how are we going to introduce it? You can't improve the system OS when it's operational."

"Sasha, do you have an idea?"

"Of course. First, connect each part of the system OS that needs improvement to me one by one. Since I'm like a small management system myself, that should be no problem."

"-----I see. After connecting it to Sasha, you will be in charge of that part, and I will improve the system part?"

Saria is clever. Her mind is quick too. I have to work hard too.

"That's right. As far as I can see from Saria's proposal, there shouldn't be any problems. If we execute this, it should be fine for the time being. Oh, by the way, I'm going to give Saria the System Manual skill too."

"What! There's only one System Manual skill!"

"I made two new skills. Copy and paste. Since the System Manual is just a skill, you can copy it completely and paste it to the other person. That's the introduction. It's a dangerous skill, so it's only for my use."

"Ahahaha, I see. If there's only one skill, we can just copy it! It's much easier than making it from scratch. Alright, let's do it that way."

"Wow, it's great to see sisters working together like that!"

"I told you, we're not sisters!"

A smooth retort like watching a comedy duo.

Now, let's fix the system OS, and after that, let's meet with Sae and Tsutomu and either defeat or reconcile with them, and then join everyone in Redenburg.

Chapter 131: Saria and Tail have joined us

The improvement of the OS in the management system has proven to be even more difficult than expected. Saria muttered while working on the improvement.

"What is this?! It's less efficient than the blueprint! They've been running the system like this all the time! Are they stupid?! Damn it! At this rate, it will take longer than planned."

Saria occasionally paid attention to me, but I couldn't talk to her because I was too busy. When a part of Spheretalia flowed into me, my head hurt from the overwhelming amount of information. If I tried to process all of this information by myself, I might become mechanized, so I created information processing skills and error correction skills based on Saria's improvement plan and entrusted information processing to them with one-third of my power. It's good to have parallel thinking skills.

Phew, it's much easier now.

"Sasha-sama, are you okay? You've had a difficult expression for about three hours."

"It's my first time doing this. It was tough. I'm afraid I might make a mistake if I process everything myself, so I made information processing and error correction skills based on Saria's improvement plan and set it to automatic."

"Oh, I see! I have manual skills for the system, so I can create the improvement part from scratch in advance! After that it's just a matter of replacing them all at once. I was only thinking about fixing their ridiculous correction points. ----

Thank you, Sasha. I'll start working on it right away."

"Good luck. I'll take a break."

"Oh, Saria-sama is becoming more honest!"

Gon

"Ouch!"

While working, I threw a dish at Tail.

The work from here on out became much easier. Thanks to the creation of information processing skills and error correction skills, I just needed to connect them when Saria worked on the improvement. This way, the burden on me is minimized.

We repeated this work and finished the emergency treatment of the management system's OS in about two days.

Furthermore, by incorporating a system that automatically detects and repairs errors, our work was almost complete. Well, it's like Wind○wsXP evolving to 7.

"We did it! We're done! Sasha-sama, Saria-sama, thank you for your hard work!"

"Hey Sasha, we've solved the immediate crisis, but further improvements are impossible."

"Yes, I thought about it, but with the current improved version, I think it will last at least 100 years. During that time, how about the three of us making a new management system and OS from scratch based on the blueprint of the old system?"

"That's a good idea. We can easily make it with that amount of time. By the way, what is a CPU?"

"It's the power source for running the system. In the blueprint, it's this part."

"This? I didn't know how to improve it either. Even from my point of view, this power source is quite excellent. It's packed without any waste."

"This CPU is designed only in two dimensions. If we're going to run the management system here, we can't make the CPU

any bigger. However, if we think in three dimensions, we can make it bigger. In other words, we can make the CPU in a layered structure. Here's what it would look like on paper. If we can make this, we can get ten times the performance of the current system."

"Sasha-sama, I didn't come up with anything at all. Ugh, even though I'm a system support spirit~~~"

"I feel the same way. I was thinking too one-dimensionally. If we stack the structure, we can theoretically increase the performance by dozens of times! How interesting. We'll create a management system and OS that only we can make from scratch."

I'm getting excited too.

"We'll make the new system once we've solved all the current problems. First, we have to meet with Sae and Tsutomu before we defeat the demons. If they don't cooperate, we'll have to defeat them immediately because they'll get in our way."

"Sasha-sama, you're ruthless. Aren't they from the same hometown as you?"

"Even if we're from the same hometown, we don't need troublemakers. They spread some kind of misfortune just by existing. Like Ryoichi Suzumi. I'm still observing him through those bugs. I could eliminate him right now if I wanted to, but what should I do?"

"Well, can you at least listen to their story? They are loved as high elves now, you know. If they suddenly disappear, the elf kingdom will fall into chaos. Basically, those two are good people. They listened seriously to what I had to say and even tried to stop my plan, even if it meant risking their lives."

"That's what I heard. Be grateful to Saria. We'll go there in a little while."

I warned the three bugs flying in the air. Sae and Tsutomu must be relieved by now, right? Burn-san and Sakuragi-kun might be watching me because there are three bugs. Currently, even if Sakuragi-kun sees me, he sees me as Sasha, a different person from Akane Shimizu. When I meet him in person, I'll release the magic. I don't need to disguise myself anymore. Let's also release all the disguises used by Finn and Iris. We don't need to disguise ourselves anymore once we become this strong.

"Sasha, do you have any dishes other than fried chicken, croquette, curry rice, and Chinese food?"

"Ah! I want to know it too!"

Have Saria and Tail also become captivated by my cooking?

"I do. There's ramen under development in Redenburg. However, I'm not satisfied with the taste yet. The one under development is about 80 points. The image of the ramen is like this video. It's a video of the three of us eating when we were on Earth."

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"What is this? Is it okay to make this noise while eating?"

"It looks very bad-mannered."

"It's not okay during regular meals, but it's okay when eating ramen."

"Oh, Saria-sama, we have gyoza!"

"Do gyoza and ramen go well together?"

"Everyone in Redenburg gave it a perfect score with this combination."

Both of them are staring at the ramen. Let's feed them since they're here.

"If it's okay with the one under development, would you like to try it?"

"We'll eat it!!"

"We're currently developing soy sauce ramen and orc bone ramen. Both are around 80 points. The passion of the chefs in the royal castle of Redenburg is amazing. The taste improved significantly after only a week of teaching."

"Is that why it's only 80 points? How delicious the actual food is Sasha eating on a regular basis?"

"That's right! There are delicious dishes in Sphereart too, but nothing as addictive as Sasha-sama's cooking."

"Don't say that people's cooking is like poison. But, well, looking at everyone else, I understand. Why do they all get addicted to it? Is it that addictive?"

"It's very addictive!! Especially fried chicken, croquette, and gyoza."

They said it at the same time. That's strange. They're very popular

dishes in Japan, and children love them, but they shouldn't cause a war over them, right? Well, let's serve the ramen for now.

"Left is soy sauce ramen, right is orc bone ramen."

"The colors are different, aren't they?"

"The orc bone ramen is whiter."

Did Saria choose soy sauce ramen and Tail choose orc bone ramen?

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"! ! !"

Wow, both of them started eating with incredible speed. The soup of the orc bone ramen should be easy to drink because they are developing a light flavor.

"W-what is this taste! I can't stop eating it!"

"Zaria-zama, please don't talk with your mouth full."

Tail, swallow before you speak.

Before telling them about the extra serving, both bowls of ramen were emptied in no time.

"Oh, it's all gone."

"Before mentioning the extra serving, you drank all the soup."

"Extra serving?"

"Most people don't feel satisfied with just one bowl of ramen."

"I understand."

"In my world, when you want just the noodles as an extra serving, we call it 'kaedama.' Then, the staff will put additional boiled noodles in the soup for you."

"!"

"Hey, you drank all the soup!"

"Me too!"

"It's okay. There's still freshly made ramen available. Of course, there are extra boiled noodles for additional servings."

"Woaaaaow!"

After that, they both had two more servings each. Saria was fine, but isn't Tail's stomach strange? She's only about 120 cm tall, where does all the food go?

"Oh, I'm satisfied. This is the first time I've enjoyed such delicious food. Do they eat this in the Thermia Kingdom, Gardia Empire, and the Redenburg Kingdom?"

"The dishes served in each country are different. In Thermia, they have fried foods such as fried chicken, in Gardia, they have Chinese cuisine, and in Redenburg, it's ramen."

"I see. By teaching different dishes to each country, we can create diversity."

----- Sorry, I didn't think that deeply about it. It just happened.

"I haven't been to the Sylphiel Kingdom of the elves, but I heard their tempura is famous. Since the east side of their country faces the sea, they should be able to make seafood bowls, tempura, and udon if they have the ingredients. The taste of the bowl dishes is different from fried chicken. Udon is similar to ramen, but the taste is fundamentally different."

"Saria-sama, am I the only one who wants to eat after hearing that?"

"I'm jealous, I want to eat too. If that's the case, wouldn't it be better not to defeat Sae and Tsutomu? They're probably already preparing something with the bugs, you know."

Well, I set things up to make it happen that way.

"That's right, it depends on how those two will respond."

"Saria-sama, the system has already been restored, shall we go now? Since Saria-sama has the system manual skill, if there are errors that the automatic system cannot fix, you can remotely repair them."

"Ahh, that's right! Now we can move freely. The ramen we just ate scored an 80 since it's still in development. That means we can eat even more delicious ramen in Redenburg!"

"That's right, let's go!"

Saria and Tail seem to be captivated by ramen.

"There are many types of ramen. I can't make them all myself, but eventually, I want to be able to make them all in Redenburg."

"There are more than just those two?"

"Sasha, I want to travel with you too!"

"Me too!"

"Yes, I welcome you both."

Saria and Tail have become allies.

With this, their work in the management world is done. Let's check the current situation of the guardians and then go meet Sae, Tsutomu, and Sakuragi-kun.

T/N : I think guardian here is meant to the person who got a blessing from Akane/Sasha **Chapter 132: Current status of friends – Part 1**

Now that the management system has been restored, I can go and meet with Sae and Tsutomu. When I tried to leave, Saria and Tail stopped me for about an hour because they had a stomach ache. After eating three bowls of ramen, they were full.

Since we have the chance, let's check the current status of the guardians before we go. Before, we had to communicate and exchange information, but now I have the system manual skill. Thanks to this skill, I can see the current location and status information of the guardians on my status screen. It's nice to see their location on the world map. I could also adjust their status if I wanted to, but that would be equivalent to an act of taboo, so I won't do it.

Will and the others are in the royal castle of the Evil Kingdom Remnant. They are all alive and their status has improved significantly. All four of them have a basic ability value of nearly 700,000. Their experience is increasing rapidly, and their level and status values are going up. Considering their current location, they are probably eating Toifel berries right now. Let's leave them alone for now.

Keith and Lich of the Gardia Empire have also significantly improved their status.

Keith: 530,000

Lich: 2.08 million

Their current location is somewhere between the capital and Bilbrem. Both of their experience values are gradually increasing. Hmm, I want a little more information. Oh! Let's set the guardian positions to blue, the demon possessors to yellow, the demon integrations to red, and the Toifel berries to black. I can set this up myself without any problems.

Alright, this is good. Let me share my world map with the management system. Oh, Keith and Lich are currently fighting 20 demons. I don't know how strong the demons are. Well, they'll contact me if they're in danger. However, demons are scattered all over the world. Ragius said there were over 10,000 of them, but there are currently 9,789 in total. The number has only just fallen below 10,000 after all the previous battles. The current number of survivors is gradually decreasing. The Redenburg Kingdom has 398, the Dwarf's Orsay Kingdom has 600, the Evil Kingdom Remnant has 985, the Thermia Kingdom has 931, the Gardia Empire has 750, the Sylphiel Kingdom has 2,340, and the Alteheim has 3,785.

There are four demon kings among them. Ragius and Berial, and two more. I'll take care of the other two besides Ragius.

Myouji summoned so many demons without much thought. I'll go to Alteheim and beat them up and give them a tough punishment.

Oh, the security bird should have arrived at the royal castle in Alteheim. Let's take a look at the video.

"Oh, this is the demon king Berial who merged with Leon's father."

"What are you doing, Sasha?"

Saria still looks like she's in pain. She'll need a little more rest.

"Currently, Myouji's skills and magic have been sealed and he's been imprisoned by the demon king Berial. I wanted to see what was going on with the surveillance bird I made."

"Hmm, that's interesting. So this is the demon king Berial. Is he as strong as I am? He's called a demon king for a reason.

Did Myouji not consider the possibility of summoning a demon stronger than him?"

"Ragius said the same thing. Myouji is just an idiot who summons demons without much thought. By the way, Ragius is about twice as strong as Saria."

"Haa! If I find Myouji, I'll punch him right away!"

"I agree."

Although the Demon King Berial hasn't attacked Redenburg, I wonder if there's a reason for that? Oh, I know. Let's attach the "eavesdropping skill" to the three security birds. A range of 500 meters should be sufficient. There, it's installed.

Hmm, it's become more convenient.

"Lord Berial, about 3,000 of the 3,785 demons in Alteheim have been unified."

"Ugh, just a little more. It's really inconvenient. Thanks to being turned into a Toifelberry, it's become harder to find my fellow clan members."

"Yes, we believe there are about 500 Toifelberry left in Alteheim, and we are currently searching for them."

"Well, it can't be helped. Has that message been delivered to everyone?"

"Yes, I used my magic to communicate it to all the demons in this world."

"Good, we have summoned this many allies. Killing the heroes can be done later. It's not bad to take control of this world.

So, have we found the whereabouts of the remaining demon kings?"

"Lord Belmont and Lord Tsugaiser are probably still Toifelberry. Even when I searched, I couldn't sense their presence."

"Even with the power of Groman? It's really troublesome. And what about Ragius?"

"Ragius has already been integrated. However, the moment I found his presence, I was almost killed, so I didn't report it to the messenger and didn't know his location. I apologize for any inconvenience."

"Well, that's fine. He should be okay. Ragius isn't interested in anything other than fighting strong opponents. Let him be for a while. How's the adjustment for Myouji going?"

"It's going smoothly. We should be able to transfer him to Lord Berial soon."

"Hahaha, then that's good. All preparations are coming together."

Hmm, they're plotting something bad.

"They don't even realize that we're listening and watching them, do they?"

"The security birds I made are like robots and don't have consciousness or will. They just obey the program I gave them faithfully. And, I've also given them skills so they won't be noticed. They won't notice at all."

"Sasha, you make incredible things. But that means they can be seen and heard from anywhere, right?"

"Yes, that's right. We're still in a precarious situation, so I'm sending them to the location of our comrades in Redenburg and Sae and Tsutomu's location. But I only plan to use it in case of a crisis when my comrades are in danger. It's because I can sense the information quickly."

"I see, there's that kind of usage too."

Well, let's forget about Berial for now. Next is Sakuragi and the others.

Haruto Sakuragi: 540,000

Mika Shimazaki: 520,000

Shinya Ryuzaki: 18,000

Yoshiteru Kubo: 17,500

Yumi Fukiyma: 15,000

Burn-san: 840,000

Riffia: 820,000.

Hmm, maybe because of their titles as heroes and saint, their growth rate is high. However, the difference between them and Yumi Fukiyma is too big! It's truly a gap suitable for doping heroes and doping saints! Burn-san and Riffia-san have

also increased significantly. Due to the overload on the system caused by demon summoning and the occurrence of a huge number of errors, my blessing, and the effects of these, all of their statuses have far exceeded the limit of their race. Hmm, as we continue to take down demons, their statuses will increase even more from now on. They are currently in the capital of Sylphiel Kingdom as expected. The five of them are together. Burn-san and Riffia-san are a little away from the group.

Let's have the security birds take a look.

"Sasha, who are these five people in this video?"

"They're my friends: Haruto Sakuragi, Mika Shimazaki, Shinya Ryusaki, Yoshiteru Kubo, and Yumi Fukiyama. They're currently on break, and they're located near Sae and Tsutomu."

"Daaaamn, there are too many Toifelberry! How many do I have to eat?!"

"Yumi, eat some! I'm at my limit!"

"Are you trying to kill me?!"

"Even so, they keep bringing them in one after another. Yoshiteru, how many are there now? Didn't you ask earlier?"

"I was thinking about not saying, but... the current total seems to have exceeded 1000."

"What?! 1000?!"

"I'm a hero, right? I'm supposed to travel and make the holy sword stronger with the spirit king, and defeat the Evil King, right? So why am I just eating? Even if I know I can become stronger, I won't be happy even if I defeat the Evil King by doping like crazy."

"This adventure is nothing like what I imagined. It's completely different from the content of the isekai adventure novel."

"Of course. This is reality, so it won't follow the same plot as the novel. We have to defeat the Evil King by doping. Hang in there, Mika!"

"Yumi, is it okay to dope so openly? In our world, we would have been arrested long ago."

"This is reality. We have to save the world by doping! Go, Doping Hero, Doping Saint!"

"I hate those nicknames!"

"Anyway, it seems that Sasha and Saria will be here soon."

"Wait a minute, Yoshiteru! Saria is the one who turned Akane into an evil tribe, right? Why is Sasha getting along with her? I could tell from the video that they were close, but I don't know why."

"I told Tsutomu the same thing. It's possible to make our voices heard, but if we do, it seems that Sae and Tsutomu will be killed by Sasha. However, the reason for not letting us hear their voices is apparently to surprise us."

"What do you mean, Yoshiteru? We can see their appearance, so there's no point in surprising us by not hearing their voices, right?"

"Sasha is using magic to change her appearance. When she appears here, she cancels her magic and appears, so apparently that's why she silenced her voice."

"Well, we'll know everything once Sasha and Saria arrive. Until then, I guess we'll eat Toifelberry. Mika, let's eat!"

"Yes!"

Oh, Sae and Tsutomu are also considerate.

If they had told them before I arrived, the touching reunion would have been ruined. Well, if they had told them, I would have punished them with the same Grigri attack as Saria and Tail, but it doesn't seem necessary now.

"Hey Sasha, I felt a strange chill. Did you think of something bad?"

"I felt it too. This chill was thinking about punishment!"

Is Tail up too!? Both of them have become very sensitive to that punishment.

I wonder if my Grigri attack really affects them that much?

All right, let's observe Finn and the others at the end.

Chapter 133: Current status of friends – Part 2

Now, it's about Finn and the others. They are currently in the royal castle of Redenburg. Let's take a look at their status.

Jin: 1.63 million

Rikka: 1.54 million

Finn: 1.12 million

Iris: 1.03 million

Leon: 140,000.

Their basic abilities in their status are abnormally high. Jin and Rikka have increased about 5 times, while Finn and Iris have increased about 9 times. In the case of Finn and Iris, Fenrir's blessing and the title of Saint affect them. Additionally, all four of them have skill levels of 25 or higher, so there should be no problem with the Void Magic. Leon has also been working hard, with a skill level of around 10 for all of his abilities and a status of 140,000. Yes, everyone is doing their best, so let's feed them plenty of ramen before going to Altheim.

However, there is one thing that bothers me. Watching this video, everyone seems to be looking pale and weak.

"Hey, are these people Sasha-sama's comrades? I know they're all

pretty strong, but why do they look so sick? I feel like they going to pass out too."

"Sasha-sama, these people are saying something."

"Master, I can't take it anymore. Ramen...ramen...oh, it's ramen..."

"Finn, pull yourself together! Hold on tight! That's not ramen, it's a Void Magic sphere!"

"Onee-sama...please come home soon...I can't take it anymore..."

"Sasha-sama...this is torture...please come back soon..."

"You guys...just hold on...when Sasha-sama comes back, she'll definitely feed you ramen...believe in her and keep training..."

"You guys are having a hard time too. You look like you're going through withdrawal symptom from drugs. Why do you get such symptoms just from not being able to eat ramen?"

What's going on with this situation? They're all working hard in training, but they're using Void Magic unconsciously half the time. Why are they in this situation just because they can't eat ramen?

"Sasha-sama, this is terrible. Finn is having hallucinations, and everyone else's eyes look scary."

"Hmm, I banned them from eating the ramen that's being improved until the Altheim incident is over. For those who secretly try to eat it, I have a powerful punishment game in store for them."

"Sasha, you're cruel. They've been watching the ramen get better and better in front of their eyes, haven't they? Not being able to eat it is torture!"

"Saria-sama, I understand that. Now, every day in that castle, they see the ramen being improved, don't they? It's torture!

"That is terrible!"

I never expected the situation to be this bad. Wait, what about the number of punishment games?

Jin: 12 times, Rikka: 19 times, Finn-nee: 18 times, Iris: 15 times, Leon: 6 times.

What?! I haven't seen them for about a week. Yet, they have this many punishment games. They've been holding on for a long time. I need to communicate with them immediately.

"Finn, can you hear me?"

"Huh? I can hear Master's voice. Am I being punished?"

This is bad!

"Hey! Finn, pull yourself together! I'll be back there in three days, and then you can eat ramen. Before going to Alteheim, you can eat a lot! "

Ah, their eyes are back to normal.

"Ohhh, Master! It's really Master's voice!"

Finally, they're back to their senses. Let's turn on the communication for Jin, Iris, Rikka, and Leon as well.

"Can everyone hear my voice?"

"Sasha's voice. There's no mistake!"

"Ohhh, Sasha-sama! Finally, communication has come!"

"Onee-sama...I've been waiting...I can't take it anymore..."

"Sasha-sama, if communication has come, then...?"

"I'm sorry to have kept you waiting. I went to the management world and met with Saria. We had some things to work out, but we made peace. When I return there, I'll bring Saria and the spirit Tail with me, and I'll completely lift the ban on ramen. Before we go to Alteheim, I'll make sure you eat as much ramen as you want. And from now on, you can eat up to three bowls of ramen per person. Please let the kings know."

Let's change the contents of the punishment game.

Oh, I know! Everyone except Leon might have gotten used to the Stimulating Smell (improved version) after over 10

times, so let's change it to Stimulating Smell Version 2 (the moment it enters your body, the smell of sulfur dioxide attacks).

"Wow, is it true that we can eat up to three bowls of ramen? Thank you so much, Onee-sama!"

"Thank you so much, Sasha-sama! Please come back soon so we can eat more and more!"

"Sasha, thank you. To be honest, Finn, Iris, and Rikka were at their limit."

"I can finally eat ramen. Ah! Sasha-sama, we're waiting for your return."

"Everyone, please be patient a little longer."

"Yes!"

Phew, that's okay now. That was dangerous. Just banning ramen, and they already have withdrawal symptoms and hallucinations. What on earth is my cooking?

"Sasha, Finn headed towards where the king and queen are, and the others all ran straight to the kitchen."

"Um, Sasha-sama, I'm curious about what happens next. Was the punishment game lifted?"

"Well, I just changed the setting conditions, I didn't lift it."

"You're a demon!"

Why! Something is bothering me now. Let's see what happens next.

The king, queen, crown prince, and second prince are all on official duties. When Finn rushed into the place where they were, and said, "We received communication from our master. We can eat up to three bowls of ramen each," the speed of their official duties increased dramatically. All four of them kept murmuring, "Ramen, ramen." It's kind of disgusting to watch as a vassal. Moreover, when the vassals heard Finn's words, their eyes changed, and they went to tell everyone about the ramen. Hmm, the vassals were also faithfully following my orders. After Finn finished delivering the message, she immediately ran to the kitchen.

"Chef, please give me Orc Bone Ramen!"

"Finn-sama, I'm already making it. It will be ready in a few minutes, so please wait in the next room."

"Yay!"

When Finn arrived in the room, everyone was restless.

"Sasha finally gave permission. I haven't eaten with Jin and the others,

so I'm looking forward to Orc Bone Ramen! You guys know it, but we can only eat up to three bowls per person. If you exceed that, there may be a penalty game. Be careful."

Oh, Ragius was also holding back. He gave advice, but I don't think everyone heard it.

"Thank you for waiting. This is Orc Bone Ramen that we improved based on Sasha-sama's recipe."

"Oh, this nostalgic aroma, it's exactly like Japanese pork bone ramen! Let's eat!"

At Ragius's signal, everyone started eating at once.

"Slurp, it's delicious! This is it, this is the taste I know! Jin, how is it?"

"It's so delicious that I can't stop eating."

"It's delicious! This is Orc Bone Ramen! All the ingredients are delicious!"

"Jin, Rikka, I understand how you feel!"

"Finn-nee, the Orc meat is much more delicious than before. The vegetables, orc meat, and ramen have truly melded together in taste."

"Yeah, it was worth the wait. It's so delicious~~"

Oh no, everyone except Ragius is crying!

"Saria-sama, are we just going to watch? It's too cruel. I want to go and eat too!"

"Guh, G-got it. But first, we have to go meet with Sae and Tsutomu. Let's hold out until then. We just ate---remember?"

"S-Saria-sama, even you, Saria-sama, are holding back! Understood, Tail will also hold back!"

Even though Saria just ate, she's looking at Finn and the others with a greedy expression. Well, I guess seeing Finn and the others made her think that she also needs to hold back for a few days.

But still, how can they get like this over just one bowl of ramen?! Just how obsessed are they?!

"Extra serving!"

Everyone finishes at the same time, and everyone gets an extra serving.

"Everyone knows that we can only have up to three bowls, right?"

"We definitely don't!"

I have a bad feeling about this. They're still mindlessly eating even after the extra serving. For the last third bowl, they're having it made fresh, not as an extra serving.

"Extra serving!"

"Hey, this will be our fourth bowl!"

"Ragius will be fine. He's already gotten used to that smell. Endure and eat the fourth bowl."

"Finn, you can't have a fourth bowl. There will probably be a penalty game."

Their suffering is worse than version 1.

"Cough, cough, don't make us try it! We're about to vomit!"

"Cough, are you going to make them smell this?"

" They're about to reach their limit at the fourth bowl. I can't let them disobey my orders without consequences."

"You're punishing them too much! I'm starting to feel sorry for them."

"Oh, they're going for their fourth bowl!"

Now, what will happen?

"I don't know what's going to happen to you guys. Me and Leon warned you. (Ragius whispering to Leon : Sasha must have anticipated this situation. She must have prepared something else as a penalty game. Let's pray for them just in case.)"

Ragius, that's exactly right.

Jin, Rikka, Finn, and Iris all tried to put their fourth bowl in their mouth at the same time.

"GYAAA
AAA
AAA!!!"

They screamed and rolled around the room, and they all fainted after being too violent, getting ramen all over their faces.

It became the second penalty game. The scene was truly hellish. Ragius and Leon were both pale.

"Leon, thank goodness."

"If I had eaten it too, would I have ended up like this? It's too tragic."

"Sasha has improved the punishment game with this violent reaction."

"Ragius also expected this!"

"Ah, he wouldn't give permission without doing anything."

"Anyway, let's wipe their faces. It's too pitiful if we leave them like that."

This is too tragic. I never expected it to have such an effect.

"U-Um, shall we go to Sae and Tsutomu's place now?"

"Wait, what about those kids?"

"That was too tragic!"

"It's their fault for breaking their promise. Leon kept his composure and endured it well. Let's leave the rest to Ragius and Leon. From now on, when they eat ramen, they can train themselves to maintain their composure, so it's not a bad thing, right?"

"Don't wrap it up nicely like that!"

"Sasha-sama, you're a demon, a devil!"

I also didn't think it would become such a tragic sight.

I'm sorry, everyone.

When we get back, I'll treat everyone to plenty of ramen.

Afterward, the cooks, kings, and officials who heard the screams rushed in and witnessed the tragic scene inside. And everyone thought the same thing.

[Indeed, we must not defy Sasha. If we eat more than four bowls, we might end up like that too. That's something we absolutely don't want!]

Chapter 134: Reunion with the Heroes.

I gave Finn and the others a punishment that was too harsh. Leon cast recovery magic on them, so they recovered from their fainting spell in about five minutes. There don't seem to be any after-effects, so they should be okay now.

"Well, version 2 was too much. But at least the disobedience will be gone now."

"Sasha, you're merciless even to your allies. I don't ever want to smell that again."

"Agreed."

"Sae and Tsutomu are also ready. Let's go. We'll treat those kids to a ton of ramen later."

Sae and Tsutomu are around 25 years old, and they seem more like a married couple than a hot and heavy couple. Sae looks gentle on the outside, but she seems like a strong-willed woman. Tsutomu has a gentle demeanor and seems somewhat unreliable, but he gives the impression that he can make cool-headed decisions when the situation calls for it.

"Saria, Tail, let's go!"

"Yes, it's been a while since we've seen Sae and Tsutomu."

"Let's go!"

We'll see Sakuragi-kun and the others again, so let's cancel our disguise.

Now, shall we transfer?

This is the High Elf palace.

When we transferred, Sae and Tsutomu, the Elf King and Queen (I don't know them, but I can tell by their atmosphere), Burn-san and Riffia-san, and Sakuragi-kun and the others, who were looking at me with wide eyes, were all there. It's been a while since we've met like this. It's only been a little over a month, but it feels like we haven't seen each other in years.

"Shimizu!"

"Akane!"

"Hey, why haven't you explained that Sasha is Shimizu Akane, to all the Heroes who are surprised?"

"It's because of Saria! I wanted to say it myself. But until I met Domitorius, I didn't know anything about Saria's appearance, personality, or strength. If I had revealed my real name, the cover-up would have been lifted and there would have been a risk of Saria finding me, and in some cases, even a risk of being killed. So I didn't explain the situation to Sakuragi-kun and the others and disguised myself only to those in the Thermia Kingdom's royal castle."

"Really, it's all Saria's fault. For me, everything about Sasha is because of Saria-sama."

That's right! Everything is Saria's fault when it comes to me.

"Okay, I got it. I don't want to be punished anymore. I'll also participate in the demon subjugation. Originally, it was something that Demogorgon, Sphere, and I caused."

When I looked around, everyone was listening to our conversation and was stunned. Oh, Sakuragi-kun, Ryusaki-kun, Kubo-kun, Mika, and Yumi finally arrived.

Haruto: "Shimizu is Sasha! What happened with the evil tribe?"

Mika: "Akane is Sasha! What happened with the evil tribe?"

Shinya and Yoshiteru: "Shimizu, you're alive!!!"

Yumi: "Akane, you're alive!!!"

Huh?

Aren't they saying different things? Do Ryusaki-kun, Kubo-kun, and Yumi think I'm dead?

"Um, anyway, I'm still alive. Long story short, I became part of the evil tribe, but I became the highest-ranking evil god.

After that, I saved too many people and changed classes to a goddess."

"Huh!?"

Well, I guess that's the kind of reaction I'd expect.

"By the way, why am I supposed to be dead?"

"Eh!?"

Sakuragi-kun and Mika reacted in surprise.

Ryusaki-kun, Kubo-kun and Yumi slowly turned their heads towards Sakuragi-kun and Mika, their necks making a

"gigigigi" sound.

"Haruto, Mika, you have some explaining to do!!! Until now, we all thought Akane was dead!!!"

"Um, well..."

Ah, I see what's going on now. In that incident, it was made to seem like I was dead. It's better for everyone's morale and unity that way.

"Listen, I'll explain everything properly later. You can ask Sakuragi-kun and Mika at that time. Everyone else is just stunned."

"---Right. Haruto-kun and Mika, we need to talk about this slowly."

"Yeah."

Hahaha, all three of them are really angry.

"Anyway, I'm glad Akane is alive. It was wrong to deceive everyone, but we've been unable to contact each other since then, so we were worried. We tried to search for you, but there was no information available, and we even thought you might really be dead."

"Yeah, sorry Yumi, Yoshiteru, and Shinya. I haven't seen Akane since then, so I don't know what's going on either. Like Haruto, I even thought she might be dead. But now we've been reunited. Akane is alive!"

"---That's right, Akane is alive! We were told by Haruto-kun and Mika that she was dead, so I didn't think we'd be able to talk like this again. Thank you, Akane, for being alive."

"Yumi is right. I also thought both Yoshiteru and I were dead. It's good that Akane is alive."

"Oh yeah, the other classmates will be happy too."

Hahaha, everyone is crying for me. ---I'm happy.

"---Anyway, I'm really happy that Akane is alive, but I want you to explain the situation soon. We and even the King and Queen have been watching Akane through the insects, but we couldn't hear her voice, only see her image. Only Sae-san and Tsutomu-san know the whole story."

Oh right, I remember that now.

"Ugh, it's such an emotional reunion, Saria-sama. Oh, hello Sae-san and Tsutomu-san, long time no see."

"Hey, Sae, Tsutomu! Why didn't you let us hear her voice? We couldn't understand just by her image!!"

Two men and women who had been staring blankly, came forward, prompted by Tail and Saria's voices.

"Nice to meet you, Sasha. I'm Sae Azuma. And hello Saria, long time no see. There's a good reason why we haven't explained the situation. When we were monitoring Sasha, we felt the killing intent and intimidation coming from her from time to time. Tsutomu and I almost died several times. We thought we'd be killed if we upset her even a little. That's why I thought it would be better for Sasha to explain everything to everyone rather than us explaining it to everyone without her knowing."

Oh, that's right, during the dungeon raid, I was playing with Sae and Tsutomu during my free time. Oh no, I wonder if that's why I implanted fear in Sae and Tsutomu.

"Sasha, did you really do that?"

"Well, you know, while I was exploring the dungeon, I leisurely played around by monitoring people. I could have defeated it right away if I wanted to, but I didn't know Sae-san and Tsutomu-san's circumstances at that time, so I left them alone. Well, since I was monitoring people without permission, it was kind of like a punishment game."

"Sasha, nice to meet you, I'm Tsutomu Morimoto. I apologize for monitoring you. We were curious about what was going on in the lowest level of Olympus, which we had not visited. We thought that if we went there, we could understand why Saria was kicking Sphere out. After Domitorius and Saria explained to Sasha, and we realized that we had only judged Saria from the top. Saria, I'm sorry about that time."

"I should have been more sympathetic. Saria, I'm sorry."

"W-What?! Don't apologize to me out of nowhere! W-Well, if you understand, I'll forgive you!"

"If that's the reason, I forgive you too. Well, first we need to explain everything to Sakuragi and the Elf King and Queen from scratch."

Everyone is confused, so it will take time, but let's talk about my journey so far.

"Well then, let's go to the office and have a drink while Sasha tells us."

Yes, since the story will definitely be long, it's better to have a calm place. Let's move right away.

During the move, I thought Sakuragi-kun and others would talk to me, but Sakuragi-kun and Mika were bombarded with questions from Yumi, Kubo-kun, and Ryusaki-kun. What did they say about me? Let's listen a little.

"Haruto-kun, Mika, please explain. It's great that Akane was alive! Was what happened at the royal palace an act?"

"I want you to explain. You declared in front of the whole class that you 'killed her yourself.' Tell us the clear reason why you kept it a secret from us, your friends!"

"Oh, Yoshiteru is right. Explain a reason that we can understand!"

Ah, Sakuragi-kun made it look like he killed me and settled the situation. What kind of acting was it? I'll ask later.

"Everyone, calm down and listen. This was something Mika, Marcus-san, and I decided. First, there was a letter where the Caprice Box was, and Shimizu wasn't there. The contents of the letter were that she became an evil tribe, but her appearance hadn't changed. However, if Shimizu came back to us, there was a possibility of causing a lot of trouble with the goddess Saria, so it was written to live quietly in the Thermia Kingdom if she did come back."

"Wait a minute. At that point, she was in the capital, right? Why didn't you bring her back?"

"There are also people in the royal palace who were killed by the evil tribe. If Shimizu came back, she could be assassinated at worst."

"Uh, that's certainly possible."

"Then why didn't you tell us after we left the capital?"

"As Shinya said, we didn't want Saria to suspect anything."

"Sorry for not telling you everything!"

It seems that everyone is convinced.

"Saria-sama, you severed the bond between these people out of spite!"

"Ugh! I feel guilty about what I did."

"Hey, everyone, are you convinced~~?"

"Oh, sorry! After I separated from Akane, a lot happened."

"That seems to be the case. I reconciled with Saria and brought her to the surface like this. This little one here is the spirit Tail."

"Saria.----It seems like I caused trouble because of----- my fault.----- I'm sorry."

"I'm the spirit call me Tail!"

Maybe Mika and Yumi are the type of girls who like tsundere like Saria...

"Wow, this child is really cute! This is Saria! She's not at all what I imagined! I thought she'd be a more arrogant 20-year-old woman. Tail-san is also great, and the combination is perfect!"

Oh yeah, Mika and Yumi really love this type of tsundere girl. They've been gradually getting closer to Saria. They've been watching a school anime where tsundere girls are the main characters since before they were summoned to Spheretalia, and Mika and Yumi were quite hooked on it. Of course, there's no way such a girl (14 years old) exists in reality, but Saria fits the bill perfectly.

"What's going on?! Sasha, these two are weird."

"They're not weird. Mika and Yumi are perfectly normal. They're just playing with Saria."

"What were you going to say just now?!"

"Hug me~"

"Eek, why are you hugging me?!"

"Sasha-sama, didn't you just say 'sacrifice'?"

"Well, you were causing trouble, so it's a light punishment game."

Let's leave Mika and Yumi to Saria's care. Now we can talk to Sakuragi-kun.

"Shimizu, I'm glad you're still alive."

"I'm sorry I couldn't say anything. I didn't know what would happen at that time, so I had no choice but to do that. There are also other reasons why I didn't tell everyone. By the way, did everyone change the way they address each other?"

"Oh, we decided to call each other by our first names instead of our last names to strengthen our bond."

In that case, I'll do the same. But it's a little embarrassing to call him by his first name.

"I see. Then can I also call you Haruto-kun?"

"---- ah, ah, yeah, of course. Then I'll call you Akane too?"

"Yes, that's fine."

Hmm, it's still a little embarrassing.

"Well done, Haruto. Your declaration in front of everyone was worth it."

"Yeah, both Shinya and Yoshiteru were surprised by that."

What did he declare?

"Oh, hey, you don't have to say that now! If you want to say it, I'll say it directly to Akane!"

"Oh, well, do your best."

"I understand what you want to say to Sasha-sama. Good luck, Haruto-san!"

Shinya-kun, Yoshi-kun, and Tail are looking at me and Haruto-kun with a smirk, and it's bothering me. Even Tail seems to have unknowingly hit it off with the two of them.

I wonder what exactly Haruto-kun declared?

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Meanwhile, the Elf King and Queen (who look like they're in their 40s) were being completely ignored.

[Hey, aren't we the king and queen? Aren't we being completely ignored?]

[Same here. I was thinking the exact same thing. We weren't even introduced.]

[It's probably best not to say anything, right?]

[As soon as you do, we'll probably be burned to a crisp]

[We're about to start a meeting with Sasha-sama. To be honest, I feel like running away. My legs are still trembling.]

[Me too. I've been monitoring her for a long time. The moment I came here, I was prepared to be burned to a crisp.]

[I understand how you feel, Your Majesty, My Queen. Both Burn and I know Sasha, but we haven't spoken a word to her yet.]

[Well, I guess it can't be helped. It's better not to upset the two goddesses, even if the two high elves are okay. I thought it was bad to monitor them silently, but I never thought that they could transmit their power just by looking at us through a bug. Sasha was playing around and intimidating everyone except for Haruto and his friends during the dungeon raid.

Naturally, we and the king were also there, and I felt the fear of being killed many times. Maybe she's still angry about it.]

[Well, she's been monitored for days, so of course she's angry. When you arrive at the office, apologize first.]

I was listening carefully, but I doesn't seem angry at all. I just forgot about their presence. Also, it seems that Burn-san and the others were watching too. It was troublesome, so I just played with a little intimidation and killing intent, thinking that it didn't matter what happened to anyone other than Haruto and his friends. Hmm, it seems that I have planted fear in Sae and Tsutomu as well.

I'll apologize to Burn-san and the others too.

Chapter 135: I overlooked an important thing

Well, I overlooked an important task at hand.

From now on, I have to explain the Evil King System and demon summoning from scratch to all the kings of the various nations on the surface. In other words, I have to declare straight out that [The Sphere that you worship is the root of all evil]. They'll definitely be shocked. Many people have been killed by the Evil King and the Evil tribe so

far. As for demon summoning, damage is still occurring in real-time. Moreover, the summoner who clads themselves in magic to summon demons is Shintaro Myouji, the otherworldly summoner whom Sphere transformed into a god race, and the motive is to cause chaos on the surface and have someone kill him.

I'm going to explain this to the Elf King and Queen now, but they might receive a shock and fall ill. I'll try to support them somehow. I'm scared that their worship of Sphere so far might turn into worship me.

We arrived at the office and after everyone took their seats, the Elf King and Queen stood up to speak.

"Sasha-sama, Saria-sama, let us introduce ourselves again. I am Dizayig Sylphiel, King of the Sylphiel Kingdom."

"I am Wilma Sylphiel, the queen."

"I am truly sorry that I have been monitoring the two of you. I hope that you will calm your anger."

Hmm, both of them are shaking a lot. I can tell they are speaking up with courage. I played too much when I was being monitored.

"Sasha, I'm sorry. I apologize too. For both me and Riffia, we understood that monitoring you this time was a punishment for Sasha. We were aware that you were Akane Shimizu, so we were very careful about what we said and did. On top of that, you attached protection without our permission, so we were almost caught talking too much. Both Riffia and I were under a lot of stress. Even though we realized we were being watched, we thought it wouldn't be discovered who was monitoring or where the magical tools were, so we sent it as punishment, but everything was found easily, and we never thought we would receive punishment in return through those magical tools."

A punishment for me? They had accumulated that much stress.

"That's not all. In addition, the audience with the High Elves was also an incredible stress for me. In the end, all the High Elves had already died a long time ago, and only Sae-sama and Tsutomu-sama, who are higher-ranking gods, were present. My mental stress peaked. I wanted to punish Sasha in some way, Sae-sama told me about the monitoring. I planned to monitor Sasha and make her feel the same stress as me, but instead, I ended up receiving punishment. So, I'm sorry. We went too far with the monitoring."

Hmm, isn't that a self-inflicted wound? Wait, that's not it? I'm also to blame for leaving everything to them.

"Burn-san, Riffia-san, I'm sorry too. I didn't think it would be that stressful for you. I was angry until I heard the circumstances from Sae-san and Tsutomu-san. So as punishment, I occasionally made everyone, except Haruto and the others, feel my light intimidation and killing intent, but I never thought it would lead to instilling fear of being killed.

Hmm, I thought I was holding back quite a bit."

"I'm not really angry either. I just think it's interesting that you developed such a fascinating magical tool. Sasha, you're more than twenty times stronger than me, so you should understand your own strength. Even if it feels light to you, it's like pushing your opponent to the brink of death. The Elf King and Queen are still trembling even now."

That's the thing. Since defeating a large number of demons in Olympus, I haven't completely grasped my own power. Oh!

Come to think of it, I have a system manual skill, so I can just tweak it a bit and check my own status! Why didn't I realize it earlier? I'll check it when I have time.

"Well, it seems that's the case. Your Majesty, the Queen, Burn-san, Riffia-san, I apologize again from me. I went a little too far, I'm sorry."

"No, it was our fault too."

Haruto-kun was the one who broke this strange situation.

"Your Majesty, Queen, since Akane has forgiven you, can't we just let it go? Besides, we're not making any progress with the conversation."

"Uh, that's right. Haruto has a point. Sasha-sama, may we hear your story?"

"Yes, of course. However, what I'm about to tell you is a shock to everyone on the surface, including the King, the Queen, and all the people. Please listen carefully. I will explain how the Evil King System was created and why demons were summoned in large numbers."

What I said triggered a change in the tense atmosphere of the room.

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First, I talked about the history of Spheretalia. Long ago, it flourished more than today's Earth civilization. Many races lived there, but despite facing the crisis of collapse, they postponed solving the problem, which led to an irreparable

situation. Most of humanity fled to another world, and only 100 people remained. There were the evil god Demogorgon and the goddess Sphere, who evolved into gods through biological modification, and they created Spheretalia from the collapsed world in detail.

"W-What? The evil god Demogorgon, which is handed down in our legend, was originally human! And the evil god and the goddess created this world?!"

Haruto-kun, Burn-san, Riffia-san, the King, and the Queen were all stunned.

"Sasha-sama, how did Demogorgon come to be called an evil god?"

The queen's statement seems to have made everyone wonder.

"From here, the story becomes serious. Please listen carefully."

Saria also appears from here, so it must be a complicated feeling.

A few hundred years after creating the new Spheretalia, a large war broke out. It didn't end for years, so Demogorgon succeeded in ending the war forcibly by absorbing the negative emotions among the people. Saria insisted that this was only a temporary solution, but she was not listened to. After that, Demogorgon repeated the same thing every time a war broke out, so he himself was absorbed by negative emotions and gradually became mentally unstable, and he began to use violence against Sphere and Saria. In addition, he became disgusted with the people on the surface who repeated wars and landed on the surface himself, repeating the slaughter. That's how the evil god Demogorgon was born. I explained the whole process in detail.

"S-So, the birth of the evil god was caused by us surface dwellers? W-What a thing to say. Does this mean that we humans made Demogorgon-sama go mad by frequently starting wars?"

I'll add some follow-up just in case.

"No, it's not that all humans on the surface are bad. As Saria proposed to Demogorgon and Sphere, if they had put in divine prophecy beforehand before it escalated into a major war, the damage could have been minimized. Those two stubbornly did nothing but watch without listening to Saria's opinion. And when it reached the point of extinction, they finally acted. Moreover, they adopted only a temporary measure of absorbing negative emotions as a means to end the war. Despite Saria's constant advice, they continued to use it."

"Akane, why did Demogorgon and Sphere ignore Saria's proposal? If it were me, I would adopt Saria's opinion. Or, I would give divine punishment before it became a big war."

Haruto also has the same opinion.

"You, are you Haruto? You're the second person who agreed with my opinion. Demogorgon and Sphere rejected all of my proposals."

"Before Demogorgon and Spheretaria became the parents of Saria, they were researchers and technicians who built the current management system from scratch."

"Hey, don't tell me they prioritized their pride as researchers over their concern for their child."

"That's right. Well, it's just a guess, but I think they were always looking for a more correct method than Saria's."

"----They're the worst parents. Indeed, the people on the surface may be bad, but aren't Demogorgon and Sphere also trash? They continued the war that could have been stopped because of their tiny pride."

"I feel sorry for Saria!"

"Wait a minute. Then why did you turn Akane into an evil tribe?"

Well, I guess you'd think so.

"Uh, well, that-----"

"Well, let's not talk about that now. Anyway, Sphere fought and sealed Demogorgon in another dimension. However, Demogorgon left behind a parting gift. That is the Evil King system. At the same time as the sealing of the evil god, this system was activated, and the evil tribe appeared. The evil tribe kills people with negative emotions one after another, and by absorbing their souls into the Evil King's egg, the Evil King is born. Sphere knew the contents of this system and left the Evil King system as a measure to prevent a major war. The problem arose 200 years ago when the Evil King with great power was revived, and the people of Spheretalia could not defeat it. Sphere had anticipated the Evil King in advance, so she tried to remove the system, but it was heavily guarded and she couldn't remove it. Therefore, she created the interdimensional summoning system as a trump card."

"Wait a minute! Why interdimensional summoning? If Sphere or Saria went to the surface, they could solve it in one shot!"

"I said that I could defeat it in one shot. As expected, it was rejected. On top of that, I received punishment that made me unable to use skills and magic." (Saria)

"I want to punch Sphere!"

I agree.

"At that time, the summoned members succeeded in sealing the Evil King. And four members, Ryoichi Suzumi, Shintaro Myouji, Sae Togo, and Tsutomu Morimoto, were summoned by Sphere and became gods. By the way, I defeated Ryoichi Suzumi."

"Sasha, I hardly feel Ryoichi's power. Did you kill him?"

I wonder if Sae is worried because Ryoichi used to be a comrade?

"After taking away his status, I turned him into a regular human and locked him up in the zombie house with no food. As an extra measure, I made it so that he can only die of old age and I've set it up so all the energy he generates is given back to me. He won't die that easily. He will suffer the same fate as the zombies he has faced so far."

"I see. It's only natural that he gets such a punishment after what he did."

"I heard about it from Sae-san, but it's a disgusting story."

"From here on, Saria plays a big role. First, she was dismissed from her role as a follower of Sphere because Sphere had secured the

number of people she needed by changing four people into gods. Saria got angry and said, 'I know the system well, so why am I being kicked out?' This became the trigger for Saria to hate Sphere. To cut to the chase, Sphere was burdened with a lot of work and became depressed, eventually escaping from this world. We were summoned just before Sphere escaped from this world. Sphere summoned us to Sphereart with the skills that Sphere and Saria had acquired, except for me."

"Why did Saria give Akane such a strange skill and turn her into an evil tribe?"

"Mika, in short, she wanted to release her stress. The reason why she targeted me was that I'm cuter than her."

"Whaaaaaaat?"

"Three months before we were summoned, a large number of demons were summoned by Shintaro Myouji. At that time, they were still Toyfelberry, but by the time we were summoned, there were many demons that had progressed to integration. As a result, the management system was heavily loaded and a huge number of errors occurred. After summoning Haruto and the others, Sphere reached its mental limit and ran away. But Saria was desperately fixing the errors alone. At that time, she was the only one left behind, so she vented her anger by randomly giving a skill and summoning me to Sphereart. After kicking out Sphere, she couldn't get the System Manual skill, so she vented her frustration and stress on myself. That's why I was given the evil potion."

It's an awkward atmosphere for Saria.

"Well, I'm reflecting on it now. It's an excuse, but at that time I had a huge workload and I couldn't get the System Manual skill. And when Sasha came, I just couldn't help myself."

"Everyone, please forgive Saria. Although it's good that she kicked Sphere, we didn't think that Nobutaro Myouji would really summon demons. As a result, her stress reached its peak and she did something bad to Sasha. I've already been punished by Sasha. I'm really sorry."

Please forgive me."

"Well, if Akane forgives you, we won't say anything. But don't do it again."

"Saria has had her own circumstances. Well, if Akane can forgive her, I'll forgive her too."

After Haruto, Mika, Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru said this, they forgave Saria.

"-----Thank you."

Saria's face turned red. She muttered her thanks with a pout.

"I want to hold Saria right now."

"I agree, Mika."

"Why?"

Mika and Yuumi seem to have taken a liking to Saria.

"From here on, it's my story. After being given the evil potion, my mind was sealed in another dimension and connected to the Evil God Demogorgon. Demogorgon tried to take over my body by eating my mind, but I ended up eating Demogorgon instead and absorbed its power. Because of that, my race became Evil Gods from humans."

"Wha-what?!?"

"Akane, you met the final boss suddenly! I heard about Sasha from Burn-san and Riffia-san, but how did you defeat it?"

It's natural for Mika to be curious.

"I used the unique skill 'Free Dream'. It was described as a skill that can do anything in my mental world, so I turned Demogorgon into a steak bento and ate it. He screamed while being eaten by me."

"Steak bento!!!"

"It was delicious. After that, I trained in another dimension and then went to Sphereart after spending three days in the capital. At that time, Saria's appearance, strength, and whereabouts were all unknown. If it was revealed that I was alive, Haruto-kun and the others could have been affected. I also considered contacting Haruto-kun and Mika. But the knights and wizards sensed the slightest bit of my evil power leaking out and if they saw me in contact with Haruto-kun and the others, the situation could have become the worst. That's why I left the capital with only a letter left in that dungeon."

"It's amazing that you turned the Evil God into a steak bento and ate it. I wanted to know why you left only a letter and left without saying anything. Depending on the answer, Haruto-kun and I would have given you a harsh punishment like Burn-san and Riffia-san did. Well, I was monitoring you. I apologize for that."

He's still angry. Anyone would be angry if they left the capital without saying anything but leaving only a letter in that worst situation and walked aimlessly as an evil tribe. They must have been very worried.

"You caused quite a bit of concern to Haruto-kun and the others. I wanted them to see me alive, even if I was disguised with magic."

"Since you said that, I can't punish you, Akane. I heard about Sasha's achievements from Burn-san. They say that in Sphereart and the Gardia Empire, many Evil Tribes were defeated without much damage. If Saria hadn't given the evil potion to Akane, the Evil God would still be sealed and there would be a high possibility that the Evil Tribes would have invaded and many people would have died."

"Haruto-kun is right. In hindsight, I am grateful to Saria. I met my current companions and was able to reunite with everyone like this. If I hadn't been given the evil potion, I would probably have died somewhere. This is the end of my story. In the end, the root cause of

everything is Demogorgon and Sphere. Because of the methods they took, Spheretalia

is on the brink of destruction. If I wanted to, I could easily take care of the Evil King and all the demons. But I won't do that."

"Sasha, may I ask for the reason?"

"I know what you mean Sae-san, but if I were to take care of everything, the people on the surface would come to rely on me. I think there will always be big crises in the future. I'm not sure I can always be there when that happens. I want the people on the surface to deal with what they can do on their own. As for the demons this time, I and the guardians will handle it. Also, I want the Evil Tribes to be defeated by the people on the surface, and the Evil King to be defeated by Haruto-kun."

"Huh, me? I don't mind, but I was originally planning to do that."

"By acquiring the System Manual Skill, I became possible to manipulate the status of all the beneficiaries of my divine protection. However, if the status value exceeds 10 million, they will become a god race, so I won't exceed that limit."

"-----Akane is definitely a god. It's not just doping. I kind of feel sorry for the evil king. I'm not at all happy about defeating the Evil King with it.

"Haruto-kun, in the world, you can't just rely on good intentions."

"I get that, but there's no plot like in other world novels. Rather than the orthodox way, it's the evil way to defeat the Evil King by doping."

"That's how it is. If the hero overwhelms the Evil King with overwhelming power, probably, Doping Hero: Haruto Sakuragi and Doping Saint: Mika Shimazaki will become statues and their names will be remembered forever. It will remain in people's hearts forever."

"That sounds great!!!"

"Nooo, that's the worst!!!"

"I absolutely hate it. I don't want to be remembered as a Doping Saint. At least, I want to be free from doping!"

"I don't like it either. I'm not happy even if I'm remembered for that. Rather, I want my name to be deleted."

That's the end of the story so far.

Next, we'll talk about how to defeat the demons. I'm thinking about an efficient way to defeat Toifelberry, so let's talk about that plan.

Chapter 136: Can Sasha return to her hometown?

I finished telling the history of Spheretalia and my own experiences so far.

King Dizayig and Queen Wilma are speechless. Redenburg and Sylphiel, who like Spheretalia, worship Sphere, must have had their values completely overturned. The problem now is how to explain this to the other elves.

"King Dizayig, Queen Wilma, and the other elves, I leave it up to you to figure out how to explain this. I won't do anything as long as you can explain it in a way that satisfies the people without causing confusion."

"---Sasha-sama, we will keep the truth about Spheretalia's history hidden from the people. In the future, we will compile it into a book that only the royal family can read and pass it down as a legend. For the people, we will say that the cause of the current problem of demon summoning, Sphere-sama's defeat in the battle against the demons, and Sasha-sama's arrival and defeat of the demons. However, the object of worship will be changed from Sphere-sama to Sasha-sama. Is that okay with you?"

I see. King Dizayig's decision is reasonable.

"Yes, that's fine."

"Akane, there's something I'm curious about. Can you come back with us?"

Yuumi asked me straightforwardly.

"By acquiring the System Manual Skill, I realized that I cannot return to being human myself. My body has changed too much, so I cannot reverse it back to being human. Therefore, I cannot return in this body."

"What! Then, does that mean we have to sacrifice you to maintain the peace of Spheretalia?"

"There is no way I can sacrifice Akane!"

"Haruto-kun, Mika, please calm down. You seem to have some implications in what you said earlier, right?"

Yuumi seems to understand me.

"Yes, I cannot return myself. My body has become immortal, so if I return, I will be treated as a monster. But I have the System Manual Skill, and I have created a new skill called [Clone]. I set the race of the clone to 'human' and plan to give it my current memories and experiences. From now on, the main body and the clone will be linked, so after the clone goes back with Haruto-kun and the others and after we all go to sleep, we can exchange events with each other. Therefore, I cannot return in the main body, but we can share our feelings."

"---Akane, anything goes with you. But if that's the case, then maybe you won't be a sacrifice."

"If that's the method, then I can understand. Akane's main body cannot return, but it's no problem as long as the clone with exactly the same memories and experiences comes---right?"

"Well, it's a bit complicated, but if we can share the same feelings, then it's good."

"Oh, and I don't want the clone to die, so I plan to set its status to 1 million."

"What? That's too much, isn't it?"

"I adjusted it to match Haruto-kun and Mika. After Haruto-kun's battle with the evil king, I plan to set his status to about 1

million. By the time Mika returns, her status should be around 1 million as well. We will return to Earth without changing the status value, so be careful when you move around. Especially Haruto-kun and Mika, you two need to be extra careful.

If you get hit by a car, it will likely be the car more damaged than you."

"Geez!"

"We've had such a valuable experience, so it's a waste to reset our status, isn't it?"

"Well, that's true, but it's kind of meh. I gained this strength by doping, after all."

"Hmm, I have mixed feelings about wanting to return to my original strength or not."

"Even though I, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun aren't like Haruto-kun or Mika in terms of physical ability, it's still better to be careful when exercising."

Anyway, I'm glad they're satisfied now. If I didn't have the System Manual skill, I really wouldn't have been able to leave.

I sacrificed myself to bring peace to Spheretalia.

Now, let me teach you about the countermeasures against Toyfelberry.

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"As for the Toyfelberry countermeasures, I'm going to give a world map to all the recipients of my divine protection. with their statuses. The beneficiaries of my divine protection will be displayed in blue, Toyfelberry in black, those who have been taken over by demons in yellow, and those who have merged with demons in red. Regarding the world map, you can think of it as our world map app. Based on this map, I want you to subjugate the demons. I attached a message with the history and background of Spheretalia, as well as how to use the app, to the world map so that I don't have to explain the same thing to every guardian. I also wrote the reason why I chose to send a message. Well then, I'll send it now."

"I've received it! Is this the world map? There's one big continent displayed, but... I see, the usage is the same as a map app. It's easy to understand. Hey, the castle in the Sylphiel capital is all black... Oh, I see when I zoom in! Is Toyfelberry stored in the treasure vault?"

Haruto-kun seems to rate it highly.

"Burn-san, Riffia-san, do you understand how to operate it?"

"I understand how to operate it, but the message attached says, 'It's a hassle to explain the same thing over and over again.

Please explain it to the king of that country if you need to. After subjugating the demons and evil kings, go greet the kings of each country.' Why is that?"

"That's correct. It's a waste of time to explain the same thing over and over again. If you want me to explain it, I'll do it after everything is

over."

Of course. We've been talking here for over an hour now. There's no way we can explain it to each king one by one!

"Will the kings of each country understand?"

"It's okay. There's another attached file. If any negative opinions arise, please open that file. When you open it, my illusion will appear and make everyone feel 'reverence' and 'intimidation' for one minute, forcing them to shut up their opposing opinions, so there's no problem. Right now, subjugating the demons and evil kings is a priority."

"I'm not sure about 'reverence', but Sasha's intimidation instills fear. In a way, it makes you look like a demon or evil god, don't you?"

"Burn-san, I'm a former evil god, so there's no problem."

"Well, I guess that's okay."

That takes care of the world map app.

"Next, let's talk about the demons. Among the demons, there are four known as the Demon Kings. One of them is called Ragius, who was a Japanese person on Earth in his past life and retains his memories, so he became our ally."

"Eh, so he was reincarnated as a demon! ...That's unfortunate."

Well, Haruto-kun's opinion is normal.

"But it's not quite like that. He was actually happy to be reincarnated as a demon. In his past life, he was a martial arts otaku and went around the world to learn various martial arts. After he was reincarnated, there were apparently a lot of strong people in the

demon's habitat, so he killed them all and rose to the position of Demon King we have now."

"A martial arts otaku... Well, as long as he's happy, I guess?"

"In Redenburg, there have been very few demon incidents because he defeated the demons and integrated individuals who were taken over by them. Thanks to Toifelberry, who collected a considerable number of them beforehand, it saved us a lot of trouble. Currently, my comrades are eating them, and there are less than 1000 left. With the help of Ragius, the problem in Redenburg has been almost resolved. The problem is the remaining three demon kings. We don't know the whereabouts of two of them yet, but we found out that one of them has integrated with the king of Alteheim. His name is Demon King Belial. In terms of strength, Ragius is 30 million, while Belial is about 15 million."

"It's obvious that only Akane can deal with this," Haruto said, and everyone nodded.

"Demon King Belial is integrating with the king of Alteheim and planning to invade Spheretalia. He is currently gathering comrades who have already integrated. So far, about 3,000 have gathered. Toifelberry seems to be gathering with them too. We will gather them by force with me and my comrades in Redenburg. We will also help those who have been taken over by them. And Shintaro Myouji, who performed demon summoning, is locked up in the castle's prison in Alteheim.

After the battle in Alteheim is over, we will ask Shinataro to cancel the summoning contract. Depending on Shinataro's attitude, we may kill him on the spot."

Everyone seemed surprised by Akane's words.

"Akane, are you really going to kill him?" Mika also hesitated to kill someone from the same hometown.

"It depends on Shinataro's attitude. The main reason for the demon summoning was that Shinataro himself was looking for a place to die.

Many people died because of his selfish reasons. If he wants to die, I'll use the void magic to erase everything. A moment of hesitation can lead to death. Everyone should understand that. Even if he is from the same hometown, someone who committed such a great sin will never escape. If he runs away, I will chase him to the ends of the earth and give him the same punishment as Ryoichi."

When I said this with a slightly intimidating tone, everyone trembled. Those with power try to dominate those around them with that power. So, I will do the same. However, I have no intention of tying people down with fear. If you do something wrong, you will naturally receive the appropriate punishment.

"----Akane,----I understand, so please stop intimidating."

I had to let everyone know about my current strength, so I did a little bit of intimidation, but it still ends up giving them fear.

"I'm sorry. I wanted everyone to know about my current strength. I want all the guardians to defeat the demons in their own countries while we're fighting, even if it's just a little bit. And if there's a problem with the contract with the demons and they can't be sent back, then as a last resort, I'll activate my "reverence" skill. The "reverence" skill is like a natural enemy for the demons. When I activate it, it takes time, but all the demons will eventually disappear. Well, this is a last resort though."

"Sasha will defeat the demon king in the shadows, and the 3,000 small fry demons on the surface will be defeated by the protectors alone. So you are going to show the surviving citizens of Arteheim what you can do?"

Oh, as expected of Yoshiteru, what a brilliant deduction.

"Right. Among the protectors is Leon, the second prince of Alteheim. If Leon can defeat the small fries, the remaining citizens' emotions will

change from despair to hope. The evil tribe will also find it harder to collect souls. Probably, as soon as the demons are sent back, I think the Evil King will immediately resurrect. Currently, he is in a state where he can break the seal at any time because he caused many people to die due to the demons and absorbed their souls. Judging from the fact that he hasn't appeared yet, he must have noticed the abnormality in Spheretalia. We are still in the observation stage for now. When that Evil King resurrects, I'll teleport Haruto-kun to fight him at his place. I've seen the Evil King's strength, but it will be around one million, so I'll raise your stats to about five million before you fights."

"Hey, hey, isn't the Holy Sword still incomplete?"

"It's okay. Can you lend me the Holy Sword?"

"What are you planning to do?"

The Holy Sword that I borrowed from Haruto-kun was undoubtedly made by Sphere. I will imbue it with non-void attribute magic that the Holy Sword can withstand. If I'm going to do it, I might as well make it even stronger. I can do it right here and now. The divine sword I came up with in Sphereart was actually completed when I acquired the System Manual Skill. The material has evolved from Orichalcum to Hiirokan. It also has a function to return everything to nothingness. It would be faster to give this to Haruto-kun, but he probably wouldn't be able to control it. I could limit the functions and give it to him, but it would be faster to strengthen Haruto-kun's Holy Sword.

By pouring my magic into it, the Holy Sword shone brightly. The color of the sword changed from blue to light red, and it was obvious that it had been strengthened beyond comparison to what it was a moment ago.

"Here, it's done."

Huh? It suddenly became quiet.

"Sasha, that sword is made of Hiirokan, right? It was written in the

management world's book. It's a phantom metal that disappeared when the world collapsed, but it used to exist in Spheretalia a long time ago. Making it artificially is ridiculous! Even I couldn't do it! And that sword has an unbelievable attack power due to Sasha's magic. If it were the current Haruto, he could barely control it. Did you make it to match Haruto's strength?"

"Of course. Going to see all the Spirit Kings now would take too much time. It's faster to strengthen it beyond the Spirit Kings here, right?"

"-----Think about the position of the Spirit Kings. They should be waiting for the hero."

"We don't have time, so that's a no! It's faster to do it here because we're in a dangerous situation. Probably by now, the wind spirits are reporting the situation in Spheretalia."

"On the contrary, I don't feel like we're in a crisis because Sasha is here. If Sasha weren't here, everyone would be seriously thinking about it. Even the demons and the Evil King are completely at Sasha's mercy, so everyone's sense of crisis is low!"

Uh, that's true. Everyone nodded at once.

"Well, that can't be helped. Here, Haruto-kun, use this to defeat the Evil King."

"-----Somehow, I feel sorry for the Evil King and the Demon King. Why is that? Aren't they supposed to be the bosses?"

Saria, did I go crazy or something?"

"Haruto is sane. It's actually Sasha who's crazy."

Why! Did I say something wrong?

"Anyway, let's move on. There are many Toifelbery here and in

Alteheim. Can you explain why you're late, Tsutomu-san?"

Oh, did I surprise Tsutomu by suddenly directing my focus towards him?

"I apologize for that. The integrated demons in Sylphiel started causing havoc only recently. Even in the initial possession state, it was difficult to tell due to the state of the body at that time. For Toyfelberry, we had heard about them, but since we hadn't seen the real thing, we couldn't handle them. Thanks to the information provided by Haruto and the others, we are now collecting Toyfelberries. If we start from here, we can minimize the damage."

I see, then it can't be helped. If you had been as dumb as the Sphere, I would have punished you lightly."

"Punishment? By the way, what kind of punishment?"

"I will perform a 'grinding' attack directly on you. For some reason, everyone says it's a punishment that resonates with their soul."

Tsutomu and Sae's faces twitched.

"You two should just take a bite! Tail and I have both suffered from the 'grinding' attack and the punishment of ammonia and sulfur dioxide. Especially the 'grinding' attack, I thought my soul was being sucked out!"

"Well, I'll pass. I don't want to experience it at my age."

"I think I'll also pass on that, thank you."

"Akane, was the 'grinding' attack really that severe of a punishment?"

Haruto probably thinks so too.

"It shouldn't be that severe. But if I was the one doing it, everyone would faint. And then they would become afraid of the 'grinding' attack."

I wonder why? It would certainly hurt, but not to the extent of passing out.

"Furthermore, it would be great if everyone here could be punished like me and Tail!"

"Haaaaaaa!!"

"Well, except for the heroes, the king and queen of the elves, Sae and Tsutomu are definitely involved with me!"

"Ugh!"

"Saria, let's read the room. I understand what you're trying to say, but saying it in this situation is-----"

They all have a face that says it's unfair to punish only themselves.

The meeting is almost over, so let's end it with punishing Saria!

"Huh, w-wait, why are you holding down my hair ornament!"

"Sae and Tsutomu didn't do anything wrong. They were trying to stop you! They're properly protecting the Elf Kingdom, so there's no need for punishment! Only Saria will be punished!"

"W-why, gyaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! Tail----"

"I didn't say anything!"

"Only Saria will be punished!"

"That's nooooooot faaaaiiiirrrrr!"

Sounds of slamming and twitching

Huh? Everyone's face is pale!

"-----That's not the magic attack I know."

"Oh my, Saria you tried to make me and Tsutomu eat that?"

"That Saria----passed out?"

"Eh, Haruto, I intended it as punishment, though?"

"This is not punishment, it's torture. Unless something serious happens, it's better to seal this off."

"Is that so? What about Mika and Yuumi?"

"We have the same opinion as Haruto-kun."

Hmm, if everyone says so, let's seal it off just in case.

Well, the meeting is over. Shall we have some of this delicious food here?

Chapter 137: Dinner with the heroes

It's 5:00 p.m. After the meeting, we're taking a break in Mika and Yumi's room until dinner is ready. Haruto-kun is also here. The king, queen, Burn-san, and Riffia-san have work to do at the castle, so they're not here. The room is quite spacious, so even with eight people, there's plenty of room to relax. Saria is also back, but she looks uncomfortable sandwiched between Mika and Yumi. But she doesn't seem to mind. Maybe she's actually enjoying it.

"Anyway, Akane, you've had some unbelievable experiences in Spheretalia in just over a month. Human -> Evil God -> Goddess. It's an experience no one else can have."

"Mika is also called the Doping Saintess, right? Haruto-kun is the Doping Hero, so it's a perfect match."

"Not at all happy about it."

"I named it myself. When you defeat the Evil King, your name will be known throughout the world."

"Stop it!"

It's been a while since I talked with my friends like this.

"Oh yeah, Akane, could you give me, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun some blessings? The Saria issue has been resolved, so there's no problem, right? If we eat all the Toifel Berry together, our abilities might exceed 100,000."

"Huh? Didn't all three of you hate Toifel Berry before?"

"We're used to it now."

"After seeing them eat so much of it."

"Shinya's right. Is it possible for us to have blessings?"

"Yes, it's not a problem. -----And it's done."

"Huh?"

"Akane, is it finished already?"

"Yes, check your status."

"Oh, we have blessings!"

"Is it really that easy to add them in just a few seconds?"

"Yoshiteru-kun, the System Manual skill is directly linked to the management system, so the work can be done quickly."

Now all five of them have my blessing.

"I won't mess with your stats. If I overdo it, it could have a negative impact on your body. But in the case of Haruto-kun and Mika, they've exceeded the limits of humans, so there's no problem."

"When we return to Earth, will we be able to live a normal life? It might be a good idea to check how much our power has increased when we get back."

It's only natural to be curious. Well, it's probably best to stop playing baseball. With the magic cladding, we might end up blowing away the catcher, let alone throwing a fastball.

"Knock, knock."

"Heroes, goddesses, dinner is ready."

"Oh, it's ready. I'm looking forward to seeing what Sylphiel's cooking is like."



During dinner, the king, queen, Burn-san, and Riffia-san joined us. They seemed to have finished their work early.

Sylphiel's cooking was mainly vegetable-based. There were also meat dishes, but the meat was wrapped in vegetables to create a complex flavor instead of being eaten alone. It was delicious! However, the elegant vegetable dishes were the main focus, so I felt like something was missing.

"Sylphiel's cooking was very elegant and delicious. I especially liked the vegetable tempura! But it's so refined that it feels like something's missing."

"I'm glad to hear that. I based the vegetable tempura and meat dishes on Earth's cuisine. They're very popular with our citizens. Originally, I developed them myself, but the quality is too good and they're focused on vegetables, so as Sasha said, there's always a feeling that something is missing. So I have a request. Can you teach me the recipes for fried chicken, croquettes, and tonkatsu? I've tried making them myself, but the taste never seems to come out right. It's not interesting to have the same recipes as the Thermia Kingdom, so I want to use them as a basis and try to come up with my own version."

"It's alright. If we make it here, we might be able to create something elegant. It'll have a different taste from Thermia, and I think it'll become popular. We have freshly fried food in the item box now, would you like to eat it?"

"YESYESYESYESYESYES!"

Everyone said in unison.

"Saria and Tail, will you eat too? If you're full, you won't be able to eat

the feast in Redenburg."

"I've lost quite a bit of weight because of my previous work. I want to let out all my pent-up frustration, so I'll eat until I'm satisfied. I have to gain weight now."

"I'm a spirit, so I don't gain weight no matter how much I eat."

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"Ouch! Saria-sama, what are you doing~"

"Do you want to make all the women your enemy?"

Having the luxury of not gaining weight no matter how much you eat is quite a problem to have.

"We only have this much now. About twenty servings, I think. Please help yourselves."

"Sasha, I'll have some. It has a home-cooked taste. Fried chicken, croquettes, they taste nostalgic."

"My cooking is becoming popular in Redenburg. Thermia has fried food, Gardia has Chinese cuisine, and ramen is spreading in Redenburg."

"RAMEN!!!"

Sae-san and Tsutomu-san seem to like ramen too judging from their reaction!

"Sasha, you can make ramen too?!"

"Yes, I've tried various genres of cooking. We're currently developing soy sauce ramen and oak bone ramen in Redenburg. We plan to work

on salt and miso ramen in the future. As for miso, it's a traditional product of Redenburg."

"Do you have it now?"

"If it's still in development one, I have it."

"Sasha, can I have a cup of oak bone ramen for me, Sae, the king, the queen, Burn, and Riffia?"

"We have two types, soy sauce and oak bone. Which one do you want?"

"Oak bone for me." - Tsutomu

"Soy sauce for me." - Sae

"Then oak bone it is." - King

"I'll have soy sauce." - Queen

"Oak bone for me." - Burn

"Soy sauce for me." - Riffia

"Akane, do you have some for us too? Three oak bone ramen please!"

"I don't need any. I love ramen, but I want fried food now!"

"Yes, Akane's fried food is delicious. After getting tired of Sylphiel's elegant fried food, we're having home-cooked fried food. We're at the peak of happiness now."

Mika and Yumi still love fried food even here. Haruto-kun, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun want ramen.

"Here you go. It's still in development, but it's about 80 points. Saria and Tail can eat it when they go to Redenburg. It should be even more delicious over there."

"Of course, that's the plan! The fried chicken is delicious!"

"I agree! The croquettes are delicious!"

Since a while ago, the king, queen, Burn-san, and Riffia-san haven't said much. They're all absorbed in eating ramen, fried chicken, croquettes, and gyoza. Ah, this scene is the same as in Thermia and Gardia. Burn-san and Riffia-san are focusing on ramen and gyoza since they know fried chicken and croquettes.

And Sae-san and Tsutomu-san are eating ramen slowly with a different expression.

"This taste is nostalgic. I haven't had it in over a hundred years."

"Oh, it's really nostalgic. I can't believe I can taste this flavor again here."

That's right, they've been in this world for over a hundred years, so they should have a sense of nostalgia for flavors.

"Akane, this oak bone ramen is orthodox but delicious enough to be sold at the store."

"Oh, yes. This oak meat is also deliciously marinated. The people of Redenburg will become captivated by this new flavor, won't they?"

"Haruto, Shinya is right. Fried food is becoming popular in Thermia too."

Oh, all three of them are giving high praise.

"I'm already captivated. It might be because I helped spread Chinese cuisine in Gardia, but at the time, we had a free-for-all and even the emperor and servants were fighting over it."

Captivated, huh? Let's add a new title "Slave of Gourmet" to Finn and Keith in Redenburg. The special effect could be

"1.5x increase in appetite.

"Sasha's cooking is highly addictive. Even with the free-for-all, the emperor wouldn't compete with us normally. Even I and my assistants are tempted to eat more."

"Ah, things like fried chicken and dumplings never get boring no matter how much you eat."

"When all the problems are solved, I want to spread donburi and udon in Sylphiel. Since it's a city facing the sea, you can make seafood donburi or fried fish."

"---- Sasha, can you teach me how to make donburi and udon? I want to try it out. We often go shopping outside with just the two of us without telling anyone in the castle. After we defeat the demons, let's take a walk in the seaside town."

"Yes, of course."

Sylphiel's cooking was very elegant and delicious. If Sae-san did it, it would be even more elegant and create unique dishes that can only be tasted here. It would also save me some trouble. Well, we finished eating, so let's return to Redenburg.

"Akane, are you going back to Redenburg like this?"

"Yes, before defeating the demons, I want to give my comrades ramen, dumplings, fried chicken, and the like to eat their fill. Before coming here, I told them I would return tonight. Once they're satisfied, we'll finally fight the demons. Yes, we'll probably solve it within three days. Yuumi and the others should eat the Devilberry in the castle's warehouse before then. If you sandwich it between bread, it becomes like jam and tastes delicious."

"Oh, I see. That's a good idea. We'll start from today. Shinya-kun, Yoshiteru-kun, let's eat it all."

"Yes!"

"Haruto-kun, make sure you can fully control the divine sword I transformed from the holy sword."

"Okay, leave it to me! I want to defeat the Evil King in one blow."

Well, we finished eating.

"I'm sorry to leave just after eating, but I should return to Redenburg now. It's already 8:00 pm, and everyone is waiting."

"When I talk to Akane, I really lose my sense of crisis. We should be facing the Evil King soon, but I don't feel any sense of reality or strange sensation."

"Yuumi-kun, even if the Evil King appears, you might say something like 'Huh, this guy is the Evil King!? He's certainly strong, but compared to Akane, he's garbage.' After all, you're going to try doping a lot."

"Yuumi, please don't say 'doping.' At this rate, the name of doping heroes might become well-known throughout the world. We've defeated a total of about 20 demons in the cities and villages we've visited so far. The three of us were mostly just watching, but we were

working behind the scenes to spread the names of the hero and saint. The representatives told us, "They are also known as Doping Hero: Haruto and Doping Saint: Mika in various places. Let's spread it to the whole world as they will defeat the Evil King.' "

"What?!?!"

Uwaa~ They're useless with just the three of them, so they're doing this purely out of frustration.

"I thought it sound odd, so you guys were the ones spreading the word!"

"Why would you do something like that?!"

"What are you talking about? It's a shame that our names are being forgotten despite helping so many villages and towns."

"Exactly, that's why Yoshiteru, Shinya, and me are spreading your names honestly and without deceit. It's nice to be praised, but it's frustrating to be scolded."

"Come on, you guys know what you're doing, you're doing it on purpose!"

"Please spare us. We don't want to be accused of doping."

There's no deceit in the alternate name, but I want them to lie about it. If this continues, it seems like they'll be okay without any infighting.

"Sae-san, Tsutomu-san, thank you for the meal. I'll come back here once the demon subjugation is over."

"Our opponent is the Evil King, we don't know what he'll do, so Sasha

should be careful too. And Saria, let's be friends from now on. When you have free time, feel free to come and play anytime."

"Sasha and Saria should be okay, but be careful just in case. Leave Sylphiel to us."

Oh, they're also concerned about Saria. Saria is blushing and looking away.

"We finally reunited with Akane, but we have to part ways again. ----- Akane, there's something I want to talk to you about after everything is resolved."

"Not now?"

"Not now. It's very important."

? Something important?

I wonder what it could be?

"That's right, Akane. Not now. I can only say it after everything is resolved."

"Is that how it is?"

"That's how it is. Akane, I won't say it now. First, let's do our best with the demon subjugation."

I'm curious, but there's nothing I can do.

"Yeah, I'm off to take down some demons. Those four over there are eating like crazy, so tell them later."

"We'll be going now."

"Let's meet again."

We said our goodbyes to everyone and teleported to Redenburg.

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The king, queen, Burn-san, and Riffia were so engrossed in eating that they didn't even notice Sasha and the others leaving. When the king and queen finished eating and asked Sae about it-----

"They left 15 minutes ago. They left a message saying, 'Thank you for the meal. Thank you for eating my cooking so cleanly. I'm not angry anymore, so please don't tremble when we meet again.' "

They committed the outrage of eating by themselves when the goddess Sasha and her friends were leaving, which caused the two of them to turn pale and bear a great psychological stress.

Chapter 138: Sasha has been punished

I teleported to my room in the Redenburg Royal Castle.

"It's been a while since I've been in this room. Finally, I can come back."

"Ramen!!"

"Is that all you can think of? Don't you have anything else on your mind?"

"My stomach is fine. I mainly ate vegetable tempura."

"Me too! No problems here."

"Before we eat, don't we need to talk to the royal family of Redenburg?"

"Onee-sama, that's not necessary. We can go in now."

Iris and Finn entered the room.

"I've been waiting for master to come back for so long. Finally, finally... I can eat ramen to my heart's content! You must be the goddess Saria-sama and the spirit Tail-san, as written in the message my master sent. Oh, my apologies. I am the third princess of Redenburg, Finn Redenburg."

"My name is Iris Falling. My older sister, Finn, has already informed the royal family about everything. We already knew that Sphere-sama had fled, so there was no major confusion. The king, queen, and others have said, 'There is no fault with Saria-sama. If we are to hold any resentment, it would be towards Sphere and Demogorgon. We will understand the past as knowledge. What's important now is what to do next.'"

Oh, that's a good thing to say. Saria seems surprised too.

"I'm sorry to interrupt your touching moment, but Saria-san, Onee-sama, there's more to this story."

More?

"He also said, 'What's important now is to eat all the ramen, gyoza, and fried food we've been holding back on!'"

Hey, give back the touching moment! The first half was good, but the second half is just full of greed!

"Ahahaha, so even the people here have been infiltrated by Sasha's cooking. I'm Saria. Don't you all hate us?"

"I'm the spirit Tail. Finn-san and Iris-san, Don't you all hate us?"

"Iris and I share the same opinion as everyone else. We do not hate Saria-san. The ones to hold responsible are Demogorgon and Sphere."

"The same opinion is held in the Thermia Kingdom's Sphere Church. Only the upper echelons of the Sphere Church know that Onee-sama is a goddess, but even they do not hold a grudge against Saria-sama. Now, the people inside the castle are waiting for the arrival of the three of you at the dining hall. Let's make a big commotion and eat together before we go to subdue the Evil King. The dishes are almost finished. We were waiting for Onee-sama to make additional dishes."

"Huh, me? I'm the one who has to make them?"

"The chefs won't be able to handle it all, so Onee-sama's help is needed. After all, the message stated to feed us until we're full, so the chefs were relieved to know that Onee-sama would help. Even just preparing the ingredients was quite a task.

The chefs have been making party dishes little by little for this day.

However, they said that they didn't have enough stock for the ramen, since there are also extra servings. The chefs alone cannot handle that many people."

That many people?

"How many people are in the dining hall?"

"Everyone who works in the castle. Since it's a free-for-all this time, everyone is excited. There are too many people, so it's standing-room-only. Of course, when eating ramen, they sit down to eat. The maids who serve the dishes also take turns eating."

Huh? Everyone!

The castle itself should be quite large. That means there must be more than a hundred people! While it's true that it was mentioned in the message, I didn't say anything about everyone in the castle, did I ?

"Master, I have been eagerly waiting for this day. I haven't eaten ramen since that terrible punishment, and neither have the others. Everyone in the castle was looking forward to your return. Saria-san and Tail-san also want to eat a lot!"

I contacted Finn this morning, but no one except Finn and her group have eaten anything. Is it because of the stimulus smell ver.2? The punishment only affects my comrades, but those outside the royal family don't know the situation. They saw that terrible sight and hesitated to eat. That means everyone has been holding back. This party might get out of hand.

Oh, let me lift the punishment on their titles before I forget.

"Finn and Iris seem to be on the same wavelength. Saria is fine."

"I'm fine with Tail too! Everyone has become addicted to Sasha-sama's cooking. It's a kind of 'cooking addiction' disease."

I can't allow such a disease!

Well, whatever. The ramen punishment may have been a bit too much, so I'll make enough as a reward to satisfy everyone.

"Let's make ramen then! I'll make it all at once. Let's enjoy today!"

"Yesssss!!!"

-----I thought we'd have fun.-----

When we arrived at the dining hall, cheers erupted throughout the room.

"Sasha-sama has arrived! Let's eat ramen and gyoza!"

"I want fried food!"

"Sorry for the wait, everyone. Since it's a free-for-all today, I'll make as much food as you want. Eat and make noise as much as you want!"

"Ooooh, let's eat~~~!"

After that, I introduced Saria and Tail to my comrades. Despite their age difference, they immediately hit it off with Finn, Iris, and Rikka, who were of similar height. Jin and Leon were watching them from a distance. Yes, they seem to get along well.

Then, after the king's brief greeting, the party began.

For me, this was the beginning of the war.

When I went to the kitchen, the cooks were crying with joy. They were all working at full capacity to prepare additional dishes since the ones they had prepared in advance were rapidly disappearing.

"From here on, I'll be the main cook, so please support me."

"Thank you, Sasha-sama!"

I'm glad I made the magical tools for my item box. Without them, I would have had to make ramen from scratch every time. The dining hall is in a position where I can see it from here, and it's like a war zone. The ramen is still in the bowl, so it's okay, but the fried food is in danger.

Saria and Tail are fighting over the Horkus crown prince and gyoza. Does the crown prince recognize Saria as a goddess?

I forget that face.

Jin and Leon are fighting over Ragius for fried chicken! The first princess Rebecca and the second princess Adelina are smiling at the two of them. It wouldn't be a problem if one of them married Ragius, but if we send back the demon, Ragius would be gone too. I'll ask Ragius what he wants to do before we go to defeat the demon.

"Sasha-sama, we're out of ramen!"

"What?! I made a hundred servings earlier, and they're all gone already?!"

"Yes, everyone is eating at an incredible pace."

"I see. I'll make some more quickly!"

Their appetite was beyond my expectations. Everyone was so obsessed with ramen. Okay, let's distract them from that obsession.

"After making extra servings, I'll be away from the ramen for about 30

minutes. Everyone is so obsessed with the ramen that if we continue at this pace, we'll run out of extra noodles too. I'll make another dish and spread it around to divert their attention."

"But can you easily make a dish that's equivalent to ramen?"

"There's only one. It's a dish called Takoyaki. It's an easy dish that even commoners can make, but strangely enough, you can eat a lot of them. Fortunately, I got the ingredients at the Olympus Ruins, so I'll make that. It's a deep and different taste from ramen."

"---- Can we eat it too?"

"Don't worry, I'll save some for later. Let's eat it later."

"Yes!"

"All right, the extra noodles for 200 servings are done! I gave the maids who distribute the food magic tools from the item box, so it should be fine for a while."

"Well then, I'll go make Takoyaki in a place with equipment."

The necessary ingredients for Takoyaki are in the cooking room except for the octopus, so let's borrow some of them and go to my special room in another dimension.

Ah, an unexpected situation has occurred.

I created a super large Takoyaki maker in my special room, made 1000 Takoyakis with sauce and mayonnaise, and gave them to everyone, but the intensity of the war intensified. The obsession with ramen has decreased, but now the obsession with Takoyaki has skyrocketed. And they finished 1000 Takoyakis in no time, so I used

my power to make 2000 more.

It's impossible for ordinary people, but it's possible with the use of "Free Dream." When I divided them into sauce and mayonnaise and soy sauce and mayonnaise, they split into sauce lovers and soy sauce lovers, and the war for them intensified. My actions are all backfiring.

Especially Finn, Iris, Leon, Jin, and Rikka, although they received punishment, they are eating ramen in the morning, so their stress should be reduced. But why do they seem more violent than before? Could it be because of the new titles? Or maybe because I increased their appetite by 1.5 times?

---Ah, everyone seems to be having fun, but please consider the one making the food.

"Hey, head chef, every time I cook like this, it turns out like this. So from now on, I'll just teach you how to cook and avoid doing it as much as possible. It feels like it's changing the personalities of the people who eat it. The Queen, Princess Rebecca, and Adelina were all such combat-oriented personalities before, weren't they?"

Strange. Rebecca and Adelina were smiling at Ragius just a while ago, but after eating, they are fighting over ramen and Takoyaki. And their facial expressions are like those of thieves.

"...Queen and Adelina are both rather reserved and somewhat introverted. Princess Rebecca is similar to the king, with a slightly competitive personality. Even we begin to doubt if the people who are rampaging over there are the same people.

It's a scene that can't be shown to commoners. Everyone is going wild because they've been suppressing their desire for food. Since Sasha-sama went to Olympus, the people in the castle have been cutting off not just ramen, but also dumplings and all fried foods. That desire to eat is now exploding. Sasha-sama, as someone who is older and has had a lot of experience, I would like to offer a warning. Sasha-sama's cooking is so exquisite that it temporarily changes our personalities. I have also heard that Sasha-sama's abilities are above S-rank. From now on, please be careful when taking action or making food. Your every action affects people's lives greatly. Even we who are here are

affected. Please refrain from not only cooking but also taking action."

"Yes, yes."

"---Okay, I'll be careful from now on."

I was scolded by the head chef. His opinion was so accurate that I couldn't refute it.

After becoming an evil god and a goddess, I caused a lot of trouble ~. I inconvenienced Haruto-kun and Burn-san as well.

They wanted to punish me with harsh Gorigori attacks, but normal punishment doesn't work with my status values. So they must have put me under surveillance.

-----I really got carried away.

Seeing this scene, I feel like I've been punished in a different way. As the head chef said, I should behave more modestly in everything, whether it's cooking or anything else. Everyone is in a state of "Give me food now!" When I look at the royal family, they have lost all their dignity.

Anyway, let's get through this situation for now.

"Sasha-sama, is that a sauce?"

"Yes, it's the third type of sauce we use for takoyaki. This one is in soup form and has a relatively light taste compared to sauce or soy sauce. Shall we all try it?"

All the chiefs ate one takoyaki each dipped in the soup.

"This is delicious!"

"It has a different taste than sauce or soy sauce. I prefer this one!"

"Oh, this is great! The balance of takoyaki and soup is perfect."

"Sasha-sama, there will definitely be a fight over this. Did you hear my opinion?"

"Hahaha, I understand the head chef's opinion very well. But we've come this far, so... let's let them release their stress today."

"Well, I guess that's okay. Sasha-sama, please refrain from doing this from tomorrow onwards. If you just tell us the recipe, we'll make it for you."

"Thank you. Well, I think it's good to make a fuss like this with a large group of people a few times a year, isn't it?"

"Yes, I agree. If we don't, our bodies won't hold up."

-----This party lasted until late at night... In the latter half, the cooks took turns going into that war. Of course, I continued to cook, but for me, it was like hellishly busy. Maybe I got hit by the stick (karma) for getting carried away so far.

Chapter 139: A Brief Respite and the Choice of Ragius

Yesterday's party was hell for me. I never expected to be forced to cook without any breaks. In the end, I couldn't even eat takoyaki. To avoid such a miserable busyness, I communicated in the morning that ramen was okay up to three bowls per meal. I thought that if I ate it in the morning, I would get used to it and my appetite would decrease by night, but because the people who saw the punishment of that stimulating smell Ver.2 told everyone about that tragedy, no one ate ramen or fried food until I came back. The head chef also said that we should refrain from making party dishes like yesterday's for a while. Actually, we should refrain from making anything in Redenburg.

Today, we're going to hold a demon subjugation meeting in the

afternoon, so until then, I'm strolling through the royal castle, but the beastmen's complexion is very good. They have bright faces that don't show any stress at all. Well, if you're that noisy, you'll release your stress on a daily basis. From today, soy sauce ramen, oak bone ramen, fried chicken, croquettes, and gyoza will be freely available in the dining hall, so there won't be any complaints about meals. Takoyaki cannot be eaten at the moment because the equipment is being made, but it should be ready in about a week.

Now, we are finally going to execute the demon subjugation, but there are some things I want to confirm. The first is what to do with Ragius. In this regard, we should provide him with a way to stay in Spheretalia and let Ragius decide for himself. The second is about Finn. After the demon subjugation is over and the settlement with Myouji is reached, Leon will become the new king of Alteheim Kingdom and start his official duties from that day. Whether Finn will stay in Alteheim or continue to travel with us after the defeat of the Evil King, let Finn make the decision for herself.



After finishing lunch, me, my companions, members of the royal family, and Ragius gathered in the conference room.

"We are now holding a demon subjugation meeting. First, let's take a look at the current situation in Alteheim."

The video from the security bird was projected on the wall.

There was no energy in the entire capital. It is a strange atmosphere. About 3000 people were integrated with the demons, so it is natural. There are about 2000 citizens who had not been possessed by demons. They should know that something was happening because their families and relatives suddenly changed. However, since the king did not say anything, they seemed to be living a normal life while understanding this strange situation.

And except for Leon, all the other members of the royal family were apparently in this capital, and unfortunately, all of them were possessed by demons, as observed by the security bird. Now, Leon

knows the truth and is crying.

"Father, Mother, Brother, Carol (sister), damn it, damn it, damn it! I was prepared for the worst, but -"

"Leon, master, is there no way to save those who have been integrated?"

"Unfortunately, it's impossible. The soul itself has been eaten by the demons. The only thing we can do is to release the soul that was eaten by the demons. We will depart for the Alteheim capital tomorrow morning and quickly defeat the demon king Belial."

The contrast between yesterday and today is too extreme. I can also encourage Leon, but I'll leave it to Finn here.

"Leon, cheer up! I understand how frustrating it is, and I also understand the feeling of wanting more power. That's why we've been working hard with our master's blessing. Let's do what we can now. The demons are still increasing in numbers even as we speak. We need to act to prevent any more casualties. There are no more royal family members left in Alteheim. If that gets out, it will be a huge problem. We have no choice but to rebuild Alteheim ourselves! The king of Alteheim would say the same thing. 'If you have time to cry here, take action right away. Put the people first! Are you still the second prince? I didn't raise you to be like that!' That's probably what he would say."

"Haha, that's right. Father was always strict with me and always thought of the people. There are no more royal family members except for me. I have to become the new king and rebuild Alteheim. Finn, will you help me?"

"Yes! Of course!"

"Leon, Redenburg will fully support you. Let the people know that you're still alive."

"Thank you very much!"

Leon and Finn seem to be motivated now, so maybe I should give them a present.

"Leon, as a reward for improving your status values and skill levels so much in such a short period of time, I'll add

+100,000 to your ability value and +10 to your skill level. You should be able to handle the Void Magic with this."

"Sasha, are you sure? ---- Thank you. This will allow me to defeat the demons. By the way, how are we going to infiltrate the capital?"

"We'll just charge in from the front. I'll infiltrate the castle and defeat Demon King Belial and save Shintaro Myouji while you use Void Magic to completely eliminate the demons."

"Oh, Onee-sama, what about the citizens? Evacuation?"

"Oh shoot, I skipped some steps. Let me explain in order. First, Saria will use her intimidation to the point where the citizens won't faint. Once the citizens and demons are completely immobilized, Leon will tell them about the current situation in Alteheim and that we will be defeating the demons now. At that time, make sure to tell them that when the demons are defeated, the integrated beastmen will also turn to ash. After you've finished telling them, just use Void Magic to defeat the demons. With your current abilities, you should be able to instantly distinguish the beastmen possessed by demons. If you follow this method, you can minimize damage to your allies and citizens. Any questions?"

"Um, Onee-sama, your plan is so perfect that I can't argue with it."

"Hmph, that's because I'm here to come up with good plans."

"Master, if we follow your plan, the demon extermination will end too easily."

"Yes! Sasha-sama, that's not interesting. We've undergone training, so let's use Void Magic to fight back against the attacking demons. When a powerful demon appears, Jin and I will fight with all our might. If it gets dangerous, our true power will awaken, and we'll wipe out all the demons. That would be an interesting development, I think."

Beep

I won't allow them to conveniently awaken their true power like that! That's like an anime plot!

"Jin, is Rikka stupid? We had a good atmosphere going, but if she says that here--"

"Ragius, everyone here knows that Rikka is an idiot who doesn't read the room."

Everyone except Rikka seemed to have predicted what would happen next.

"Rikka, do you understand where you guys will fight the demons?"

"Yes, we will fight in the middle of the capital!"

"If everyone fights with all their might in such a place, what will happen to the surroundings?"

"Well, it will become a ruin--oh!"

She finally realized she spoke too soon.

"Okay, I'll forgive you this time. But from now on, be careful about what you say."

"Eeeek! Yes, I'm sorry!"

I thought she had learned to think before acting, but I guess not!

"If we use the method I just mentioned, we can defeat the demons with minimal damage in a short time. Whether it's interesting or not, zero damage is the best. And if something like what Rikka did happens again, everyone will be punished."

"Indeed, that method will end things quickly. Sasha, how will we invade the royal castle?"

Ragius was curious about that.

"I have no interest in anyone except the demon king Belial and Myouji. So after Leon finishes talking to the citizens, we'll use a void sphere that will cover the entire castle to eliminate all the demons except Belial. Then we'll enter boldly from the front. We'll talk to Belial a little before defeating him."

"Belial is starting to look pitiful. He'll be confused without knowing what's happening."

"I don't care what he thinks. As for Shintaro Myouji, if there are no abnormalities, we'll proceed with the subjugation."

"Hey hey, isn't this where the boss explains everything so far and talks about the future, saying something like 'if you don't want that, you have to defeat me,' and then the final battle between good and evil begins?"

"Ragius, the world doesn't work that way. Once our business is done, we'll eliminate them immediately. As the demon king, he might do something, so we should defeat him in the middle of anything, even if he cries or protests."

"No mercy. It's different from anime or novels."

"It's reality, so of course it is! Once our business is done, we'll eliminate them immediately. That's the golden rule."

Well, that's enough for the demon extermination. Next is about Ragius.

"After defeating Belial as planned, we'll save Myouji and send the demons back. What about you, Ragius?"

"What about me?"

"If we continue like this, you'll also be sent back. You have to choose between returning to the demons' lair or staying in Spheretalia."

At that moment, the first princess Rebecca and the second princess Adelina, who had looked lonely since they joined the meeting, were shocked. They probably had a feeling about this. Now, it's up to Ragius to make a decision.

"Sasha-sama, can Ragius stay?"

"Sasha-sama, is that true?"

"Hey, hey, can I stay here!? I'm a demon, you know!"

Ragius is a demon. Normally, he wouldn't be able to stay in Spheretalia. But there is a way for him to stay.

"There is a way. Right now, you may be a devil, but you are in a state similar to a soul. If we anchor your soul to the body of a beastman, you can change your race from devil to beastman. Of course, there is also a lifespan limit."

"Seriously? You are really a god. Then, I want to stay here. I finally got to know Rebecca and Adelina. I don't want to leave here. The body of this beastman is fine. I quite like it."

Rebecca and Adelina turned bright red upon hearing Ragius' words. It was obvious what they were thinking.

"Alright then. I'm going to do some magic now, okay ?"

"Yeah, I won't regret it!"

"----- 『Anchoring』 "

Ragius' body shone. His soul was being anchored to the body of a beastman. Yes, it seemed to have worked well.

"Oh, the light has subsided. This-----, I have indeed become this beastman's body. I cannot move my soul. It's completely fixed. So I've changed my race from devil to beastman?"

"Yes, your status has also been transferred."

"-----Oh, my strength is quantified! It's about 32 million on average. Huh? Am I not ascending to godhood?"

Alright, it seems to have been a complete success.

"Ragius is an exception. To be more specific about the conditions for godhood, one must become 1 million times stronger than their initial soul value. The initial soul value of people from Spheretalia and us summoned from different worlds is around 10. Therefore, you need to have a value of at least 10 million to become a god. In the case of Ragius' soul, it was fixed into your body at the value of 32 million, which made you start at level 1 as a beastman. In other words, if your initial value is 32 million, you would need to become 1 million times stronger than that to become a god, which is practically impossible."

"No matter how much you start at level 1, there's no way I can become a million times stronger now! Well, that's a relief. I just want to grow old normally and live with everyone."

"Ragius, have you become a complete beastman?"

"Yeah, I'm the same kind of beastman as Rebecca and Adelina. Let's get along from now on!"

"Sure!"

Oh my, both Rebecca and Adelina are crying. With this, Ragius' matter is resolved.

"Ragius, we leave Redenburg in your hands while we're gone."

"Yeah, leave it to me!"

Leon, Finn, and the method to defeat the devils were all decided without any trouble.

On that day, Leon and Finn were taught what it means to be a king and queen by the king and queen themselves.

However, it's not something that can be learned easily. Normally, they would have to undergo education for at least five years. If they become king and queen with insufficient education, there is a possibility that the citizens will lose patience with them. After the defeat of the devils, I will also explain the situation to the citizens and make them understand properly. Also, I will give Leon and Finn transfer magic that is at the same level as mine. With that, they can consult with them instantly by moving to Redenburg.

Finn and Leon, deepen your relationship with your family for now.

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The next morning, we were in the conference room of the royal castle.

While I was at the Olympus ruins, it seems that someone explained to the people of Redenburg that someone had summoned devils all over

Spheretalia, and all countries were in crisis. Our mission this time is to sneak into Alteheim Castle, kidnap the one who summoned the devils, and force them to teach us how to send the devils back to where they belong. We also explained about the possession and integration of devils, and it seems that the citizens understood it as well. Well, since Ragius dealt with the usurper in the Redenburg capital and the integrated one, there wasn't a big commotion during the explanation.

"Father, mother, we're off!"

"Yeah, be careful Finn."

"I think it'll be fine with Sasha around, but be careful, okay?"

The royal family members sent words of encouragement one after another to Leon and Finn. If everything goes smoothly, it won't take more than two hours.

"Sasha, do you think they understand? This demon subjugation will probably be over in about an hour, right?"

"It should be. But as for Leon and Finn, we won't be able to see them for a while, so I'm sending words of encouragement like that."

"Sasha, are you planning to give Leon and Finn teleportation magic? Haven't you told them?"

Haha, Saria probably already knows.

"Well, I didn't really have the right atmosphere to say it. I felt like I would embarrass myself if I said it at that meeting yesterday."

"Well, I understand. So you're planning to give it to them after the demon subjugation is over?"

"Yes, as a reward for what they've done. Well, I plan to give it to all of our guardians eventually."

My recipients will probably have special treatment in the future, so it's convenient to give it to them. Well then, shall we depart soon?

"Finn, Leon, we're going now!"

"Ah"

"Alright! Then everyone, take care!"

We said goodbye to the royal family members and teleported to the capital city of Alteheim.

Chapter 140: Demon King Belial and Shintaro Myouji

This is 2000m above the capital city of Alteheim.

Normally, I would be riding on Jin and Rikka to head to Alteheim, but with the system manual skill in hand, I can now sense the magic of the target person or teleport to any place by passing through the security bird's image. It's much easier to move around now.

Now, it's finally time to subjugate the demons. It's been a while since we entered Redenburg. Once this is over, we can move on to subjugating the Evil King. Let's finish this quickly.

"Oh, so this is the whole of the Alteheim capital city. It looks similar to Redenburg. Sasha, you can intimidate them anytime."

"Finally, Saria-sama can participate in the battle! Tail is thrilled. Is Void Magic okay?"

"No problem. I saw it earlier and learned everything. It was more difficult than any magic I've used so far, but I can handle it perfectly now."

I'm relieved that Saria hasn't been neglecting her magic and skill

training. With this, we can fight while intimidating them.

"Onee-sama, are you sure it's okay to use force? I think the demons are also thinking of something."

"Of course, the demons are probably thinking of some kind of plan too. But it's all a waste of time. Because if we intimidate them with overwhelming force, none of their magic or skills will work."

"You've considered that much. Um... normally, the bad guys bully the weak with overwhelming force, but this time it's completely the opposite, isn't it?"

"Well, that's good, isn't it? The strong rule the world with their power. That's the natural order of things. It's the same in our world too, and the Evil tribe has been saying that all along, haven't they?"

"Well, they certainly say that, but... I feel like it's not just about strength, you know?"

"Oh ho, if you don't have power, then why did you summon a hero from another world? In the end, you need power to solve things. Idealistic talk won't get you anywhere. Well, even with power, there are fools who can't solve anything because of their stupid pride. As Iris said, power isn't everything, but you need power to move things."

"Yes, that's right. Basically, you need strong power to do anything."

It seems like she understand now. Well then, shall we start the fight?

"Well then, Saria, intimidate the whole city."

We lowered our altitude to about 50m above the royal castle.

"Saria, intimidate them without killing them."

"Leave it to me! 'Intimidation'!"

At that moment, Saria's 'Intimidation' was deployed throughout the capital city. Hmm, even healthy beastmen and integrated beastmen can't move. They seem confused because they suddenly couldn't move their bodies.

"Leon, inform the citizens of the situation. After the talk is over, I'll invade the royal castle."

"Understood."

Now, Belial might invade while Leon is talking. I'll also intimidate only Belial.

Leon seems to be using amplification magic and illusion magic to speak. By using illusion magic, our figures can be seen throughout the capital city.

[Listen up, citizens of the capital city. I am the second prince of Alteheim, Leon Alteheim. I came here because I heard that the capital city of Alteheim is in a crisis from King Redenburg. The 'Intimidation' that's currently being used is to make you listen to me quietly, so there's no danger. Now, regarding the current situation in Alteheim, I've investigated it on my own. And I found something amazing. From here on out, what I'm going to say will shake up your values, so please listen carefully.]

From here on out, the contents will be shocking to the citizens. The demons around here are completely intimidated by Saria, so it should be fine.

As for Belial, ah, he's dying from the intimidation. I need to restrain him a bit more. Yes, now it should be fine.

《Currently, a large number of demons have been summoned throughout Spheretalia. Their number exceeds 10,000! The goddess Sphere moved to repel them, but unfortunately lost to the demon lord

and was driven out of Spheretalia.

However, there's no need to worry. The new goddesses Sasha and Saria have descended. They're the two women next to me. As for the summoned demons, they're invisible to us normally. Also, the demons are in a state where they can't harm us. However, the demons themselves have become a type of fruit, and by eating it, they can possess our human bodies.

After taking possession, they consume the soul of the host and merge with the body to rampantly appear in this world.

Currently, dozens of integrated demons have been confirmed in each country. My purpose for coming here is to defeat the integrated demons. I'll execute that now, but before that, there's something I want you all to know. Those possessed by demons can still be saved. However, those that have fully integrated with a demon can't be saved, as their souls have been

consumed. Also, when we defeat an integrated demon, its body turns to ash. In other words, consider the possibility that friends, relatives, and parents may turn to ash in front of you when my comrades and I defeat the demons. From now on, this round ball will pass through your bodies. This ball is a void magic that only destroys demons. The moment it passes through a person, if they're a demon, they'll turn to ash instantly. You all must have already noticed that there have been people whose personalities have suddenly changed in the past few months. -----It's a sad thing, but those people are already dead. Now, I'll let them rest in peace. Please consider the possibility of executing this plan as is to minimize damage to the citizens. Let's go!》

One by one, my comrades released void magic.

"Well then, I'll leave the capital to you. We'll storm the royal castle now."

"Hey Sasha, Belial is already dying, right?"

"That's because of me and Saria's intimidation. It doesn't matter if he's dying, we're going to defeat him anyway."

"Oh Saria-sama~ I feel sorry for Belial."

"The demon king is being treated like a child, isn't he?"

Now, shall we go?

Inside the royal castle, there are 85 demons. -----Almost all of them are demons!

It's troublesome, so let's take care of them here and now.

"Void Sphere!"

My void sphere covered the royal castle.

Alright, it's over. -----Yes, demon king Belial and Myouji are still alive. All the other demons are wiped out.

"You really did it, Onee-sama."

"Master, you took care of them all at once because it was troublesome, right?"

"There are about 15 survivors. Right now, at this moment, my brother and Carol have also disappeared without a trace."

"It's okay since we did it after hearing Leon's story. Well then, I'm off."

Descending and entering the royal castle, there were clothes and ash scattered everywhere. The surroundings were quiet.

It was proof that many beastmen had turned to ash. Now, let's go to the audience room. If I see Myouji, I'll really punch him.

Upon entering the audience room, there was a man in his fifties sitting on the throne. Is that the Demon King Belial? His face looked tense and he was out of breath. Let's remove the intimidation.

"You are the Demon King Belial."

"Wh-who are you? What power is that?"

"I am Sasha, the goddess Sasha. I have defeated the demons inside the royal castle. You are the only one left."

"You're a goddess?! Don't be ridiculous! Don't you have a heart? There are healthy beastmen and beastmen integrated with demons mixed in this capital. Relatives and friends are turning into ash right before their eyes. The faith in the goddess is greatly crumbling. And if you are a goddess, even the integrated ones should be like beastmen, like your own children. Why do you easily bury them?"

"Are you stupid? Your body may be like that, but your heart is that of a demon. I have no use for someone like that! To me, you are my target for subjugation. That's why I came with my comrades to eradicate you. I explained it to the citizens of the capital while using intimidation. And I don't need the approval of the citizens! They will oppose it anyway, so it's faster to eradicate them now."

"-----You are definitely not a goddess! You are an evil god!"

"That's right. I am both an evil god and a goddess. Didn't you know that the evil god and the goddess are two sides of the same coin?"

"What?!"

Oh, let me ask about Myouji just in case.

"To be honest, I don't care whether the citizens worship me or not. More importantly, Belial, did you do something to Shintaro Myouji? His presence feels weak."

"Heh heh, ha ha ha ha, Shintaro Myouji? I just got his power. Like this!"

Huh? Something like threads came out of Belial's palms. And it's not just one. Countless threads tangled around me.

"You're Sasha, right? By taking Myouji's power, my power has increased even more. Let me steal your power! If you get entangled in these threads, you can't move and you can't use skills or magic. You can't even use the intimidation you used earlier! I have to thank you for being such a strong person. With this, I can become even stronger!"

Hmm, I really can't move. And it feels like my power is being taken away from me. It's a dangerous situation under normal circumstances.

"-----I see. If someone other than me or Saria were in this situation, they would undoubtedly be dead."

"Huh? That's strange? I can't absorb your power. What's going on?"

"Belial, do you understand that I am tens of times stronger than you? By entangling me with these threads and stealing my abilities, it is possible to do the opposite as well. Like this."

Since I've trained without relying on skills or magic, I can easily move my magic even if it's sealed. Moreover, the threads are being used to steal my power. In that case-----let me use these threads to my advantage.

"Wha! My power is being taken away from me! That's ridiculous! Damn it!"

Hmm, maybe because he looks like the king of Alteheim, it feels strange.

"Come on, from here on out it's a pure power struggle. Resist if you can. Otherwise, I'll keep taking it away."

"Ughhhh, my power, my power is----"

Uh, the difference in power was too great.

Through the threads, I stole all of Belial's abilities, causing him to dry up like a mummy.

"Ughh, this can't be happening... You're a demon... a death god... "

"Oh well, goodbye, 'Void Sphere.'"

"Aahhhh, my existence is disappearing!"

Alright, it's over. The Demon King Belial has turned to ashes. In the end, power is everything.

"Alright, next is the rescue of Shintaro Myouji. According to the magic power, he's underground. This is where the real battle begins. Whether I can send the demon back to Myouji from here is the key."

We went down the stairs and after walking a little, there was a prison door. When I opened the door-----

"I smell the stench of decay. That Belial guy hasn't been feeding the prisoners, huh. Security birds can't even detect the smell~"

Checking each cell, there were piles of skeletal remains. It's such a tragic sight. It's troublesome even if they turn into zombies, so let's purify them here.

"Grudge Purify."

With purification magic, I purify all the cells and the stench of decay disappears completely. After walking for a while, there was a man like

a mummy.

No mistake, this is Shintaro Myouji.

"You're Shintaro Myouji, right?"

"----Yes. Who are you?"

"I'm Sasha, a friend of Saria, Sae, and Tsutomu. You're looking for a place to die, right? If you listen to my wish, I'll grant it. You understand my power, don't you? Oh, but first let me heal your body. Max Heal."

-----Yes, his body has recovered from "mummified" to "thin" after recovering his stamina.

"-----Thank you---- Hooooorrrrgghhh "

Huueeeeeedooooooooon

Immediately after I released him from the cell and healed him with recovery magic, I hit him really hard with a lot of restraint. He got stuck in the back wall of the cell. Even if Belial steals all of my abilities, my divine power is still strong due to my immortality. His basic ability value is only around 100 afterall.

"Max Heal."

"-----Huh!"

" Oh, you're not mad at me?"

"I understand what I've done. I killed a lot of people."

"Then send the demons back."

"With Sasha's power, you should be able to subjugate all the demons in Spheretalia. Why don't you do it?"

That question again.

"The demons' habitat is the space between dimensions. If all the demons there suddenly decreased, there is a high possibility that the balance of the spaces between dimensions in each different world will be disturbed. If that happens, even I won't be able to repair it. Besides, I have already subjugated two of the four demon kings at this point, so it should be enough."

"I understand -----However, all of my power has been taken by Belial, including the demon contract. Additionally, the demon contract with the hero is not in effect. Moreover, Sasha nullified Belial's demon contract by defeating him. The only way to send the demons back is to kill the hero."

Hmm? Oh, that's right. Let me check his stats. I modified it so that I can easily see his skills and magic since last time, so I should be able to find it quickly.

"-----Found it! The demon summoning skill of the demon contract."

"What? Why do you have it?"

"Belial tried to steal my power, so I stole Belial's power in return."

"----- Hahaha, what a ridiculous power."

Anyway, that was close~. To tell the truth, I was thinking of subjugating Belial with the giant void sphere I used before entering the royal castle. If I had subjugated him, it could have been a disaster. Haa~ I'm glad.

"What's wrong?"

"It's nothing. Let's send the demons back for now."

"Hey, it takes a lot of magic to send them back. --- ah, if its Sasha, it should be easy then."

"Yes, this much is not a problem."

I chant and activate the demon contract's sending magic, and a large white summoning circle appears centered on me.

Looking at the map in my status, the marks of Tofelberry, those taken over, and those integrated are disappearing one after another. And----- all the marks disappeared. With this, all the demons have been sent back to the space between dimensions.

Mission complete.

Chapter 141: Demon subjugation complete, and farewell Finn

On this day, all demons were expelled from Spheretalia. During the expulsion, those who were possessed or merged with demons were enveloped in a gentle white light. The guardians who fought against the integrated demons alongside Sasha, those who persuaded their possessed friends, and those who knew nothing about the demons, all saw the gentle light. It seems that those who had gone mad were cleansed by the warm light of the goddess. It was a truly mystical sight.

Sasha's Point of View :

Phew, demon subjugation is finally complete. Even on the world map, all the marks have disappeared. It seems that all the demons, including Toifelberry, those who were possessed, and those who were integrated, have been sent back to the dimensional rift.

"Well, what about Myouji? You're looking for a place to die, but are you going do?"

"My goal hasn't changed. I'm tired of being alive."

"Do you have no intention of saying goodbye to Sae and Tsutomu?"

"I'm a human with a weak presence to begin with. I haven't talked to those two much. They're not my friends or anything, so there's no need to talk to them. I only need to apologize to Saria. She's above us, right?"

She seems really remorseful.

"Okay, I'll teleport you to Saria's location."

"Yes, please."

We executed the teleport and arrived where Saria was.

"Sasha, demon expulsion is over. And Myouji! You look weak, but you're alive!"

"Yeah, I'm alive. Sorry, Saria. Summoning demons to that extent was completely unexpected. I caused a lot of trouble for you with the system's burden, so I wanted to apologize before I die."

"What the hell! Even Sae and Tsutomu came to apologize to me, and I didn't think you would apologize to me too! Well, whatever. With Sasha here, the emergency measures of the management system are over. So, I forgive you since I can now move freely."

"Thank you. Sasha, I caused a lot of trouble because of me. I have no regrets in this life. Thank you for everything."

"Okay. Goodbye, Myouji. 'The Void Sphere.'"

Shintaro Myouji was covered by the Void Sphere. When the sphere disappeared, there was no trace of him left.

"Sasha-sama, is this okay? He really seemed remorseful."

"That's why I buried him. I didn't sense any vitality from Myouji's eyes. Keeping him alive would only cause suffering."

Perhaps, he became tired of living after becoming a god on a whim and living for hundreds of years. People like him need a peaceful sleep. He may have committed a great sin, but he's completely different from Ryoichi Suzumi."

Well, everything related to demon subjugation is now over.

Oh? Leon, Jin, Rikka, Finn, and Iris have returned too.

"Sasha, it's over?"

"Yes, we've taken care of all the demons and Shintaro Myouji. Leon, inform the citizens and declare yourself as the new king of Alteheim from today."

"Alright. I, or rather, we, must protect the people of this country. Finn, will you stay with me and help build a new Alteheim?"

"Leon!! Yes!"

Is this a proposal? Finn is only 12 years old, is that okay? Well, this is Spheretalia, so it's probably fine.

[Everyone, just now, the oppression has been lifted. And I want you to listen. The demons that had spread throughout Spheretalia have been completely eradicated by the new goddesses Sasha-sama and Saria-sama. You all must have seen those people wrapped in white light. Those who were taken over by the demons were saved, but those who were assimilated should have turned into ashes. I think you witnessed your parents, siblings, relatives, and friends turning into ashes right before your eyes. This is a very sad thing. But the goddesses Sasha-sama and Saria-sama gave them a proper burial. Among them were his Majesty the King of Alteheim, the Queen, the Crown Prince, the

Princess, and other royal family members except for me. The only remaining member of the royal family is me, but I want to revive the Alteheim Kingdom with my fiancé Finn-nee Redenburg's help. Everyone, please lend us your strength for the revival!]

The initially quiet capital became increasingly lively. Everyone seemed to understand the situation. There were those who mourned the loss of their relatives, those who savored their joy, and those who expressed their anger towards Leon. Many people were mixed in. Among them, about 30 percent of the people were angry with Leon. It was only natural for them to be angry because they had ignored the opinions of the citizens completely and resorted to hard-line measures. Leon understands that too.

Maybe I should follow up on this.

Let's convey it to the citizens with a voice amplification magic.

[Everyone, I'm Sasha, the new goddess. The one next to me is goddess Saria-sama. First of all, I want to apologize for taking such a hard-line approach this time. It may sound like an excuse, but there was a reason why we took such a hard-line approach. First of all, there was a risk that Spheretalia itself would be destroyed if we completely annihilated the summoned demons. So, we had to send them back to where they came from, the dimensional rift. And there were two ways to do that. Either kill the hero or capture the root of all evil, who summoned the demons, and make him cast the return spell. Killing the hero was out of the question, of course. So we searched for Shintarou, who summoned the demons. As a result, we found out that Shintaro was imprisoned by the demon king and was being held captive in the underground of the Alteheim Royal Castle. The reason he wasn't killed immediately was that he was as strong as the demon king. The demon king Berial had been using Shintaro's magic and skills to weaken him over a long period of time.

When we arrived, Shintaro had almost been completely drained of his power and was dying. That's why we had to resort to the hard-line approach. We wanted to talk to all the citizens and make them understand before we executed our plan properly. But we couldn't kill the hero. We may have caused you some painful experiences. But thanks to all of you, the hero, Spheretalia, was saved. I want you to be

proud of that. I'll pray for the repose of those who have passed away."

When I activated my "reverence" skill that covered the entire Alteheim, the "reverence" turned into white light, and the entire Alteheim was enveloped in it.

---After the light subsided, I looked at the people in the capital, and they all had eyes that worshipped me and Saria.

"Sasha-sama, Saria-sama, Leon-sama, thank you for saving Alteheim!"

Someone said a word of thanks, and the Sasha-call and Saria-call erupted. Somehow, I feel like the object of worship has completely shifted from Sphere to me and Saria.

"-----Onee-sama, you did it."

"Master, thank you. The people who were angry with Leon are gone."

"Wha!? Hey! We're completely becoming the object of worship to everyone!"

"Sasha-sama, you gained worship just from that speech and reverence. As expected of you."

"Uwaaaa, everyone is just chanting Sasha-sama and Saria-sama."

Hmm, was it because of the speech? Or was it because of the reverence skill? Either way, I did it. I never expected to be worshiped to this extent!

"Well, with this, most of them should be satisfied. But it won't be easy for Leon and Finn to gain the trust of the people since they are still

young. For you two, this is where the real test begins."

"Yes, Onee-sama!"

Sadly, I have to say goodbye to Leon and Finn here.

"Master, thank you for everything. It's sad that we can't continue our journey together, but I will definitely restore Alteheim!"

"Sasha, thank you. Without you, Alteheim would have been completely destroyed. We will definitely restore it! And the next goal is to have all citizens taste the food you make."

Um, you don't have to be fixated on my cooking, you know?

"Yes, let's do our best. After reporting to Redenburg about the devil subjugation, we will join the heroes in Sylphiel and subdue the Evil King."

"Master, are you leaving now?"

"I would love to help with the restoration, but it seems like the Evil King is about to move, as expected. It's a shame, but we have to part ways here."

That Evil King, he's quick to notice that the demons are gone. It's only a matter of time before the seal is broken.

"Master, thank you for everything! I'm glad I met you and learned so much! Iris, please stop master if she's about to do something bad!"

I won't mess up anymore.

"Yes! Finn-nee, I'll visit you as Saint Iris once things calm down."

"Okay! ---Saria, it was short but fun. Come visit us when things settle

down."

"F-Fine, I'll go play with you!"

"Jin-san, Rikka, I'm counting on you to take care of Master."

"Yeah, leave it to us! We are Sasha-sama's servants. We will risk our lives to stop her if she tries to do something wrong!"

Am I being treated like a child?

"I don't want to say goodbye. But we have to restore Alteheim. Leave Sasha-sama to us and do your best to rebuild. We'll come play together again."

Ahaha, I'm laughing and crying at the same time.

"Rikka, don't cry. It's not a permanent goodbye."

"Ahaha...you're right."

Well then, let's go back to Redenburg.

[Everyone, from now on, we will go to defeat the Evil King with the heroes. The Evil King is sealed on a far northern island. If we succeed in subduing the Evil King, a pillar of light will burst in the northern direction. That's when true peace will come. Until then, there is a possibility that the advance of the Evil Tribe will become more intense, but King Leon and Queen Finn have the power to defeat S-class Evil Tribe with a single blow. Please rest assured. Well then, I will go to defeat the Evil King.]

[Sasha-sama, Saria-sama!]

"We'll be back soon. And I have a gift for you. I added a teleportation magic to your status at my level, so you can come visit us anytime you

want. But of course, I can't tell you the coordinates of the management world."

"Wow, teleportation magic! Thank you, master!"

"Sasha, thank you!"

"See you later. Do your best to rebuild."

"Yes!"

Leon, Finn, you can consult with me anytime if things get tough.

After taking a break in Redenburg, it's finally time for the final battle to subdue the Evil King.

Chapter 142: Final Arc: Evil King Subjugation Arc - What is the method to subdue the Evil King?

When I teleported to the training grounds of the Redenburg Royal Castle, the knights were training as usual. And when they noticed us, they were dumbfounded.

"Hey, isn't that Sasha-sama and the others?"

"Yeah, they haven't even been gone for two hours on the mission! Hurry up and call Ragius-sama!"

"Okay."

"Sasha, as expected, everyone is surprised."

Well, they would be surprised if we returned this quickly knowing the contents of the mission.

"Sasha-sama, what are we going to do now?"

"We'll inform all the guardians that the demon subjugation is over and that we'll go to defeat the Evil King with the hero.

If we're lucky, the Evil King might be defeated today."

"That's too soon! The battle with the previous Evil King, including the prelude, took three days!"

"That's true until now. I'll also participate in the fight against the Evil King. I've just been watching so far and haven't done anything like fighting. I want to use my magic to the fullest once."

"Sasha-sama, didn't you just fight the Demon King Belial?"

"That couldn't be called a fight. He shot some weird thread from both hands and tied up my body. He sealed my skills and magic and tried to suck out all my power."

"Onee-sama, that's a big pinch!"

"Oh, I could see what was going to happen next. I poured my magic into Belial and forcibly sucked out all his abilities and turned him into a mummy. Then I used void magic to finish him off."

"Onee-sama, the opponent was a demon king stronger than the Evil King. That's too much of a stretch."

"Fortunately, the place where the Evil King is sealed is an island. I can use my magic to the fullest."

"If Sasha-sama really uses her magic seriously, there will be a cataclysm in Spheretalia and humanity will be extinct. You can use magic, but don't do it seriously!"

As expected, it's not allowed.

"Okay, I got it. So everyone will just watch the Evil King battle."

"Onee-sama, normally everyone participates in that, right?"

"Boo Sasha-sama!! Jin, Iris, and I have all trained so hard! In the fight with the demon earlier, I just used void magic and didn't move my body at all. I want to move my body!"

Well, that's certainly true. Well, since it's an island, it's okay for Rikka and the others to go wild, right?

"Okay, let's all go wild."

"Yayyyyyy!"

"Oh, by the way, Jin and Rikka, you passed the test without punishment."

"Huh? test?"

Hey, they forgot what I said before.

"When Finn and Iris fought against the intermediate demon, I said that you would take the test in Alteheim."

"Eeeehhhh!!!"

"Jin and Rikka were properly sorting out the beastmen and demons and hitting only the core to minimize magic consumption, not just firing void spheres. You did their training properly. You passed the test."

"I completely forgot about the test. What about Jin?"

"I completely forgot too."

"Oh, Iris, is that why you gave me advice at that time?"

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At that time, I was watching through the security bird, but did Iris give me advice before that?

"Yes, that's right. Even though Onee-sama went to the castle without saying anything, I thought she was definitely monitoring our battle with the security birds. That's why I suggested we compete to see how accurately we could shoot only the devil's core with the Void Magic. I finally understand the meaning behind it now."

"Iris, thank you. I completely forgot. I hate that punishment so much. Iris is my savior."

She really doesn't like that version 2 punishment.

"I was already planning to do that, but wasn't Rikka planning to just hit everything in sight??"

"Ah, Jin, why are you bringing that up?"

---Honestly---It's better not to let Rikka act alone. Oh, she's trembling and looking at me.

"I won't punish you. You were able to handle void magic with ease. Just be careful when you take action in the future."

"Yay! I avoided punishment! Yes, I'll be careful!"

I can't punish her here with the other beastmen around.

Oh, Ragius, the king and queen, and the crown prince are running over. Maybe Rebecca and Adelina have returned to the academy.

"Sasha, is it already over? It was quicker than I thought."

"It was almost like we ended it by brute force. The demons probably had some kind of strategy too, but we completely immobilized them with Saria's intimidation before we took action. Even if they had planned to execute their strategy, they were either eliminated or sent back without being able to move their bodies or do anything. As for the final battle with the Evil King, I plan to participate in the preliminary battle with the evil tribe as well and rampage around. As for the Evil King himself, I'll increase the hero's stats to 5 million and plan to finish him off with a full-power strike."

"---If this were a novel, it would be a 'boring' development that would decrease readership."

"If we had an interesting development, the damage would only increase. And the kind of interesting development in a novel is one where the opponent's power is unknown, or both sides have equal strength and strategy decides the outcome, or the hero awakens after their comrades die one by one due to insufficient strength, right? As for the Evil King, I have all the information about him in the management system. And with the current strength of us, the Evil King's side, and the demons, do you think we can have an interesting development?"

"---Ah, I see. No, it's impossible. It's definitely an outcome that would be resolved in an instant."

"Right? The only thing that's unknown right now is what form the Evil King will appear in. Well, whether it's a baby, a child, an old person, or a monster, or even a figure resembling my parents, I'll annihilate them. But it's important to strike before he can use the means to sneak past the management system and make a comeback with a surprise attack. If we can use my intimidation to bring him to the brink of death and have the hero Haruto deliver a full-power blow, it'll be good. In times like this, thinking of a plan usually leads to a miraculous recovery. We must not show any weakness."

"Ugh, why can you be so cruel, Sasha-sama?"

"Because I became a goddess. If I make a mistake in judgment, everything could go awry. If my own heart is weak, the evil ones will surely take advantage of it. The Evil King is probably searching for a means to overturn the management system and make a comeback. Before he can use it, we need to bring him to the brink of death with my intimidation and

have Haruto deliver a full-power blow. This is the kind of move that leads to a miraculous recovery at times like this. We must not show any weakness."

"Wow, you thought that far ahead! Saria-sama, please learn from her."

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"Ow."

"You said too much!"

Oh, I need to report to the king and queen.

"Your majesty, your highness, the demon subjugation is complete. All the demons that had spread throughout Spheretalia have been sent back. We also took care of Shintaro Myouji, who summoned the demons."

"---It hasn't even been two hours since you left, and you've already taken care of everything? And what about Finn and Leon?"

"Don't worry. They're staying at Alteheim Castle and discussing things with the surviving people. There have been no casualties on our side since the battle began. As I mentioned earlier, we swept them away after immobilizing them with intimidation."

"---Normally, I wouldn't believe it if someone said there were no

casualties, but if Sasha says it, I believe it. So, Leon became king---- and Finn will eventually become queen----"

The king has a deeply moved expression. Leon is 15 years old, Finn is 12 years old, and they are clearly too young. It's understandable that there are concerns.

"Sasha-sama, thank you for saving Alteheim. With this, the people of Redenburg can also live in peace."

"Sasha-sama, thank you. Finn, do your best."

Finally, the king, queen, and crown prince seem to have accepted the situation.

"Oh, by the way, I gave Leon and Finn the teleportation magic. They can come and visit anytime. So please don't look so worried. If they encounter any problems that they can't handle, I think they will come to meet you directly rather than communicate."

"What, teleportation magic!? What about us?"

"I won't give it to you."

"Aww, that's not fair!"

Of course not. If I gave it to them now, they would definitely go to meet them. For Leon and Finn, this is their trial. If they overcome it, they should be proud to become king and queen. Therefore, they must try to solve their problems on their own as much as possible.

"I'll tell you again, don't ask Ragius to teleport you. Now is the time to watch over the two. If anyone tries to teleport, including Ragius, they will be punished."

"Yes, I will punish you too!"

"Yes, it will be a joint responsibility. Do you understand? Don't teleport!"

"Got it..."

They will definitely try to do it secretly. The three of them don't have my protection, so they will definitely let their guard down and ask Ragius or Saria for help. I'll blow away that sweet idea!

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During my break in my room, I sent a message to all the guardians. Yumi, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun seem to have eaten all the Toifelberries in the treasure trove yesterday. Their basic abilities have also increased to around 150,000. But the next battle will be the final one. If I say something like "Haruto-kun and I will fight alone," like Rikka and the others, they will definitely be angry. Well, it can't be helped. After we teleport to the island where the Evil King is, let's fight together against the Evil tribe. Honestly, because of the difference in power, it will become a slaughter. Hmm, just imagining it makes me feel like it won't be an interesting development if it were a novel. All the battles I've been involved

in, except for Sphereart, have been disappointing. Normally, there can't be a battle with little damage. But there's no helping it when there's such a difference in power.

Oh, it seems that the king and his party are begging Saria for teleportation. I have the security bird, so I can check the situation in real-time. They seem to have forgotten that I told them not to ask Ragius and the others. The ones who are begging Saria are the king, queen, and crown prince. Jin can also use teleportation magic, but they don't know that.

"Saria-sama, it's better to stop the king."

"Tail is right. Seriously, stop them."

"It's okay. We didn't receive Sasha-sama's protection. The punishment with the ramen won't happen. I'm sure Ragius is worried if Leon and Finn are doing well?"

"I understand how you feel, but you'll definitely get punished. Saria, please stop them."

"She is not watching right now, so it's okay. I'm curious too. I'll go there now."

(Whispering)

"Ragius-sama, there are security birds at the Redenburg Castle too. They were watching us from the control world when we were punished because of the Ramen."

"What?! I had no idea. Does Saria know about this?"

"She should, but she seems to have forgotten completely. We can use the security birds to punish them."

"Then tell me about it!"

"No way! If I do, I'll be punished too. Please tell me, Ragius-sama."

"No! If I tell you, punishment is guaranteed. Jin, Rikka, and Iris are resting in another room. It's a good thing they're not here."

"Okay then, let's go! 'Teleport-' Ah, this smell... No way!"

"That smell... This is punishment... Ugh... Aaaahhhh!"

Saria, the king, queen, and prince are rolling around in agony from the smell. It's not something we can show our subordinates. In the end, they all fainted, foaming at the mouth and their eyes rolled back.

"That was the punishment back then!"

"Yes, it's the Stimulating Smell Ver.2."

"if I told you, we would have suffered too."

"Yes, but I heard that only for Ragius-sama something even worse for you."

"What?! Why just me?"

"Apparently, the sulfur dioxide in Ver.2 becomes a nostalgic smell for Ragius-sama, so it's not a punishment for him. He said he would make you smell the smelliest fish on Earth. I don't know what kind of smell that is, but he said if we smell it, we might die instantly."

"What?! The smelliest fish on Earth must be that canned fish from overseas. Did he really consider that as a punishment just for me?"

"Um... Is it really that bad?"

"Of course. It's not even comparable to sulfur dioxide. I just lightly smelled it and felt like my soul was being dragged out.

Beastmen should never smell it! You'll seriously die. Oh, wait, I'm not a beastman! That was close. If you hadn't told me, I might have really died."

Oh, I completely forgot that Ragius was a beastman. I'll keep that suppressed.

Anyway, just like with the ramen, it turned into a tragic scene. They won't have to rely on Ragius for teleportation after this.

Now, as soon as our break is over, we'll finally go to defeat the Evil King.

Chapter 143: Events before the battle to defeat the Evil King An hour after the punishment, we gathered again in the audience room.

"Sasha, do you always punish Finn and Iris like that?"

Hey, your wording makes it sound like I'm bullying them, Your Majesty!

"I won't punish them unless they make a big mistake."

"Yeah, that's right. If we had to endure that every day, our minds would go crazy."

"We will go to defeat the Evil King. No matter what kind of person he is, we will definitely defeat him. If you see a pillar of light in the northern direction, it means we succeeded in defeating him. It's quite a distance from here, but you should be able to see it. After defeating the Evil King, we'll return to the Thermia Kingdom and send the heroes back to Japan on Earth."

"If everything goes as planned, yes. But this is the final battle, right? According to history, all countries cooperate in the final battle and pay many sacrifices to defeat or seal the Evil King. Have you informed everyone?"

"I have informed Eleanor-sama, the Gardia Empire Emperor, and the Sylphiel Kingdom's King that I personally met. The Remnant Kingdom, where the guardians are, should also have received the information. Probably, the leaders of those countries are conveying the information to other countries. However, no country will cooperate in this final battle. The members here and the heroes are an excess of force, so we'll probably end up slaughtering the Evil Race led by the Evil King. Then, we'll defeat the Evil King without a doubt. It probably won't take more than an hour. After everything is settled, we plan to apologize to each country. This time, we're moving at our own pace, ignoring the country's convenience. Countries that have nothing to do with me can only receive indirect information and must be confused."

It will be a post-report, but I have to apologize.

"If it's you, Sasha, can't you finish it in a day using transfer magic?"

"I probably can. However, there will surely be people who won't be convinced even if they see me or Saria. Also, I have to explain about the history of Spheretalia and the demon extermination. It's a tedious task to do in each country and convince everyone. That's why I thought it would be better to defeat the Evil King, send my classmates back to Earth, and report it. It probably takes the same amount of time for both. Of course, if I report it after everything is done, I'll be criticized for not apologizing properly, so I'll apologize properly. Well, if someone complains too much, I'll shut them up by force."

"That's not an apology."

"Well, I'll apologize as smoothly as possible."

"I feel sorry for the people who will be apologized to."

"Also, only the royal members understand what I'm saying, so it's okay to reveal everything after we teleport."

"Really! That helps. The vassals here know that Sasha and Saria are not ordinary people, but I couldn't talk about it. If I talk, their attitudes towards Sasha and Saria will change drastically, and they'll have to be careful. After you teleport, I'll tell them everything."

Although the vassals don't show their suspicion, they don't know how to respond because the king speaks changes between addressing Sasha as just Sasha and as Sasha-sama. Finn and the others also haven't revealed who they are, so they must have been struggling. This will clear things up.

"Well then, we'll go to the High Elf's palace in Sylphiel to see the heroes."

"Yeah, be careful."

After Sasha's group transferred(teleport), the vassals approached the king and demanded to know who Sasha and Saria were. When the king told them the truth, all the vassals were shocked. They all understood why the royal members were behaving somewhat strangely towards the two.

When we transferred to the High Elf's palace, I see Tsutomu and Sae, and Haruto-kun in front of us.

"We have defeated Demon King Belial and sent all the demons back. There was no damage in Alheim during the battle.

Finn and Leon are absent from the battle with the Evil King because they are working on rebuilding the Alheim Kingdom. We'll fight with just us."

"Akane, isn't it too early? Can you really finish it in two days? Did you have enough rest?"

"Haruto-kun, we fought for just over an hour in Alheim. Saria and I have hardly used any magic. Iris, Rika, and Jin have fully recovered, so it's no problem. By the way, we're not mentally tired at all."

"You defeated demons stronger than the Evil King with no damage in just an hour. It's beyond amazing. It's ridiculous."

Well, that's to be expected.

"If we use the same strategy as we did against the demons, we can finish off the Evil King's army in less than an hour, but everyone won't be satisfied with that. The Evil King wants to go all out since he's sealed on the island. It's okay to destroy the island, and Yuumi and the others can go wild too. I thought about joining the battle, but if I miscalculate, I might end up annihilating our allies, so I'll just watch from the sidelines."

"Hey, Haruto, we're going to the final battle now, right?"

"Yeah, that's right."

"But I don't feel anything. Usually, there would be a heavy atmosphere, and then the spirits would come to bless us, right?"

"Mika, you've read too many novels. The spirits are already having a festival in their own territory. They said, 'Do your best, but be sure not to damage the continent. Well, it will be over in about 30 minutes.' By the way, the spirits were betting on the time it takes to defeat the Evil King. They left very casually, without any fear of the Evil King."

Oh, that's a problem in itself. Normally, they have a role to play in helping the hero. Well, it's my fault though.

"What's that? Oh no, my image of the spirits is crumbling."

"It's all Sasha's fault. The spirits were watching the demon extermination in their own territory. During the previous war to seal the Evil King, they fought with the heroes and the Evil King in solidarity, but this time, everyone is too strong.

They're completely overpowered. You even forced to change our status and challenged the Evil King. It's already certain that we will win 100%, so the spirits are having a good time."

I'm sorry, Sae-san. I guess I'll apologize to the various spirit kings for this~~. Hmm, this time I didn't make the spirits do anything, and I haven't even met the Spirit King, so~~

"Ahaha, irregular events have occurred. Now, let's defeat the Demon King quickly."

"Wait. Have you reported the demon extermination and the upcoming Evil King extermination to the other countries?"

"I've informed the guardians, so I think it should be communicated to

Termia, Gardia, Redenburg, and Remnant. I personally reported it only to Redenburg. Besides, if I visit each country through transfer and explain the history of Spheretalia, it will be quite troublesome. So, I plan to report everything after defeating the Evil King."

"Well, the opponent is the Evil King, so after-the-fact reporting won't do! Normally, you should inform them beforehand."

"To be honest, it's not just the kings, but the people around them are annoying, so I'm rejecting that. After finishing everything, I'll go to each country to apologize. If they keep complaining, I'll silence them forcefully."

"That's not an apology."

"The Redenburg king told me the same thing."

"Huh, well, I thought so, and I asked Dizayig to inform them with the content of [A new goddess will descend, and everything will be resolved in a few days] As far as I heard, Thermia, Gardia, Redenburg, and Remnant agreed, but others are skeptical. Alteheim already knows because Leon has become the new king. So I didn't inform them."

Skeptical, huh? Yeah, that's probably the case

"Make sure you apologize properly later."

"Yes, I will visit each country and apologize properly, and report on what has happened so far."

Now then, before we go, should I tweak Haruto's status a little?

"Haruto, let's fix all your status values at 5 million."

"Oh, is that possible right away?"

"Yes, I've already done it."

"Fast!"

"I've fixed your stats and made it so that you won't gain any experience points even if you defeat the Evil King, so go ahead and defeat him without worries. Also, I created some new titles in the system, such as Doping Hero, Doping Saint, and Slaughterer. Haruto and Mika should have Doping Hero and Doping Saint added to their title slots."

"Hey!"

"The birth of the true Doping Hero and Doping Saint!"

Yumi, Shinya, Yoshiteru, I have something for you guys. Let's announce it!

"By the way, it wouldn't be fair to just have Haruto and Mika, so I've added a certain title to the title slots for Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru. Since all three of you have become stronger with doping, I had to give you a title too."

"What?!"

"Alright!! Akane, what's the name?"

Honestly, I had trouble with that. I couldn't think of a good name. So---

"The names are a bit lame. Shinya is Doping Servant No. 1, Yoshiteru is Doping Servant No. 2, and Yumi is Doping Servant No. 3."

Yeah, it's appropriate. I borrowed the name of a certain hero.

"Wow, there really is a Doping Servant No. 1! What about Yoshiteru?"

"It's the worst. There's a Doping Servant No. 2."

"Shinya and Yoshiteru are still okay! I'm No. 3 even though I'm a girl! Akane, that's not fair!"

"I was torn between Servant V3 and Magical Girl Yumi for you. Oh, then V3 is fine. It's a bit silly to be a magical girl at this age."

That's right~

Well, it would have been interesting to be Magical Girl Yumi, but I felt like I would be resented, so I stopped.

"Oh, this makes the three of us part of the team! It's great, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3."

"Yes, it's easy to call!"

"Please spare us. We were wrong."

"Oh, is this karma? I can't believe I'm No. 3!"

"Huh! When we defeat the Evil King, will a statue be erected with me as Doping Servant No. 1, Yoshiteru as No. 2, and Yumi as No. 3?"

"Hahaha, of course that's what will happen. The five of us have become the Doping Team."

"Yes, we are the Doping Rangers team!"

"We don't need a team name like that!"

I can't imagine going to defeat the Evil King now. Saria and the others are laughing behind us as they listen to our conversation.

"I wonder what's going on? Sae, there's no atmosphere of going to defeat the final boss. It's like everyone is going on a picnic?"

"I agree. Is this kind of Evil King defeat really okay?"

Hahaha, that's right. This time, it might be a defeat for everyone's stress relief.

"Oh, Sae-san, what about Burn-san and the others?"

"If it's those two, they're guarding Dizayig. Both of them had a complicated expression and asked, 'Why are we guarding when we have to defeat the Evil King? Can't we leave it to other knights?' When I explained, 'You don't need to go because we have excessive firepower,' they looked even more complicated. When it came to Riffia, she muttered in a small voice, 'Something's wrong. Is the Evil King really just a small fry? That can't be right-----,' so I explained, 'It's weird because Sasha is involved. Don't think too deeply about it,' and she immediately understood."

It's complicated that they were convinced by that explanation.

"Now, let's all go wild together for the finale. I'll be watching from above. Also, Haruto, give it your all with your attack on the Evil King. We'll create a 'Distortion Field' with all our allies outside the island, so there's no need to worry about anything. Go ahead and do it without any hesitation!"

"I've given up on the title already. This is our last battle. Let's go all out and make it a grand one!"

"Right. We've been doping ourselves up until now, so let's go crazy and have some fun!"

"Akane, do you have a detailed plan?"

"I have something in mind. The Evil King is at the center of the island. He's currently calling all the A-rank or higher demon tribes to prepare for the battle against the heroes. It should be almost complete by now. First, Haruto-kun will wait at the teleportation point. Then, we'll surround the entire island at equal intervals. After everyone is in position, we'll compete to see who can reach the Evil King first."

"Hey, isn't this just a picnic?"

"Treat it like a picnic and have fun. In the end, Haruto-kun will be the one to cut the Evil King in half."

"Well, that should be fine."

"Oh, Akane, what if the Evil King surrenders and begs for forgiveness, saying he'll create his own country and have the demons live there? What will we do then?"

"Haruto-kun, that's not going to happen. The Evil King is like a program. He has some intelligence, but he's only interested in killing humanity. Even if he knows his opponent is stronger, he'll still come to fight."

"Oh, I see."

Oh, I've got an idea! Let's prepare a prize to get everyone motivated. We can decide on the details after we teleport.

Well, now that everything is ready, let's go take down the Evil King!

Chapter 144: Defeating the Evil King - Part 1

When we teleported to the southernmost point of the island where the Evil King was, I could sense the presence of evil tribes all around. The island had become a complete jungle.

"Ah, finally the time has come for me to bury the evil tribes in large numbers with my own hands. Thanks to Demogorgon and Sphere, I couldn't participate in the war. I'm going to rampage to my heart's content!"

Saria was planning to release all the stress she had accumulated so far.

"Saria, take it easy. The plan is as we discussed at the royal palace. We'll surround the outside of the island at regular intervals, so that the evil tribe can't escape, and then walk to the central big hole. If it's just a competition, everyone's motivation won't come out, so I've prepared a prize. If one of Haruto's team members wins, I'll use my authority to make a bronze statue, and will remove all doping titles from everyone."

"Really?!", "Yes"

"Akane, there are no second thoughts about what you just said!"

"That's right! After we reach the finish line, there's no going back on what you said!"

"Mika, Yumi, rest assured that we will really carry it out."

"Akane, can you also remove our doping titles?"

"Shinya's right! Once we're sent back, there's no going back to how things were!"

"Shinya, Yoshiteru, we'll definitely carry it out."

"Great, I'm feeling motivated!"

"I'm also feeling motivated. Just make sure to remove the doping titles. But if we continue like this, Saria will have the advantage, won't she?"

“Haruto, that's okay. Saria will be handicapped and forbidden to use magic, and she can only use bare-handed physical attacks. The other members will only be banned from using magic.”

"Okay! It's fine! We'll just hit them hard and get rid of all the pent-up frustration. It feels good that way too."

Okay, I was able to bring out the motivation of Haruto's group. Now it's Saria's group's turn--

"Takoyaki all-you-can-eat!!!"

"What? Is that the prize?"

“Onee-sama, for us, takoyaki is the ultimate dish! We couldn't eat enough at that party because there was also ramen. I think everyone ate a considerable amount.”

What?!

I think everyone ate a considerable amount each!

“Sasha, I want to eat takoyaki to my heart's content too! At this point, only you can make it, Sasha. We're making the equipment in a hurry, but you're the only one who has the ingredients. Leon and Finn are both in the process of rebuilding Altheim, so it's still a long way off before we can eat takoyaki in Redenburg! I want to eat takoyaki right now!”

“Rikka-- you're really good at thinking about food-related matters.”

“Rikka is right. Takoyaki all-you-can-eat, that's everyone's wish!"

Jin nodded strongly, having said everything he needed to say.

"Okay, I understand. If any of you become the winner, I'll give

everyone takoyaki all-you-can-eat."

"Yeahhhh!!!"

The four of them had a simultaneous change in their eyes.

"Sorry, Haruto's group, but we will definitely win for the sake of takoyaki all-you-can-eat!"

"It's rare to see someone so motivated by all-you-can-eat takoyaki. Saria, we have a reason not to lose to you. Please remove the doping titles no matter what! We can't afford to lose. This is our final battle! We'll definitely win!"

"Oooooohhhhh!"

Is it just my imagination? Has everyone not forgotten about the Evil King?

Everyone was evenly spaced out, surrounding the outside of the island. From here on, they communicated.

"Everyone, we will start the countdown now. When it reaches 0, we will start. 10 seconds, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, START!!!"

The race started. The goal was the large hole in the center of the island, which could be reached from any location. The first person to arrive at the large hole would be the winner. Tail and I are watching from above to make sure no one cheated. Flying is prohibited in this race, and the evil tribes who challenged them would be mercilessly defeated.

After 5 minutes since the start of the competition, the island that had been a jungle was now completely exposed, and a shocking scene spread around them.

"---- Sasha-sama, this---- The situation has been reversed. It's as if we have become the killers."

I understand what Tail is trying to say. Yes, everyone has become a killer.

Yumi Point Of View :

"Hahaha, I'm sorry for the evil tribe, but I'll make sure everyone dies. My title is Servant No. 3. I'm just a weak little girl. I don't want anything like No. 3. I'll definitely become first and get rid of the dishonorable title No. 3! So, dieeeee!"

[Wow, what the hell is this person doing? She is using beginner magic to turn S-class people into dust while saying incomprehensible things! Where is the weak girl?]

[The story is different! Reconnaissance team! This person must be the weakest in the hero party! But what in the world is this strength?]

[W-w-uwaaaaaaaaaaa, a monster~]

[You guys, don't embarrass yourselves in front of the Evil King. You must protect our hopeful Evil King from these killers no matter what!]

[You fool, how are you going to protect the Evil King from these monsters? Come up with a plan!]

Yes, Yumi has become the face of the killers.

Saria Point Of View :

"Hahaha, finally, finally I can go wild! I was always working in that world and had accumulated stress. You guys will be the outlet for my stress! And the winner of this competition will get a coupon to eat that takoyaki as much as they want, no matter what situation Sasha is in!

Everyone, don't die, hahaha!"

[Ah-----ahh----aaa-----There's a monster here that's even more powerful than the Evil King. Despite being so small, why do they have such power---It's over-----No matter how much we struggle----we can't protect the Evil King.]

[Don't give up. The Evil King is our hope! Even if that seal is released, it's not in vain. What were we living for?]

[I thought the Goddess Sphere had disappeared, but to think such monsters would appear-----just kill me already.]

"Hahaha, too bad, I won't kill you that easily! Cry! Scream! Let me hear your voice! Hahaha!"

Saria has become the goddess of destruction and slaughter.

Iris Point of View :

"I don't need to fight in this fake form anymore. Evil tribe, my enemy, Saint Iris, is here! You chased me to the brink of death in Sphereart and the Great Forest. Now, I'll make you taste the humiliation of that time! Ora ora, ora ora ora ora!"

[Wow, what the hell, is this the Saint Iris? Shouldn't it be Evil Iris instead? She's not a saint anywhere! Gyaaaaa!]

"Shut up! Who said I'm Evil Iris? I am definitely a saint!"

[That's strange, isn't it? I heard that a saint is a pure, gentle, and affectionate human being. She shouldn't be the kind of person who exposes her own desires like this! Besides, there's no way you can cut us up so violently until here----]

"You're naive. Too naive! There's no way such a saint exists in this world! For the sake of [all-you-can-eat takoyaki], I'll do anything! Ora

ora ora!"

Iris really looks like a villain.

Mika Point Of View:

[Gyaaaaa!]

"Come on, get out of the way! It's Mika-sama's turn! There's no other chance to remove that dishonorable title. We don't care if you cry or scream! We also have a conviction that we absolutely have to do! We won't forgive anyone who gets in our way. I can only move forward!"

[This girl's eyes are strange. She doesn't even look at us or the Evil King!]

[Let's fly and escape!]

[It's impossible! I don't know why, but the moment I tried to fly, I felt a piercing gaze like someone was stabbing me.

There are stronger beings in the sky than the heroes on the ground!
There's nowhere to run!!!]

[Aaaahhhh!]

[Uaaaaaaaaa, grandpa!]

That's referring to me, isn't it? I'm starting to feel sorry for the Evil tribe. But it's too late to turn back now. You've been sacrificed by my people.

"Sasha-sama, you're saying 'sacrifice.' It makes us sound like we're part of the Evil tribe too."

"I know that without you saying it. There are those among the Evil tribe who have high intelligence and have pledged loyalty to the Evil King. But this is war. They chose the wrong side to pledge loyalty to. This war cannot be stopped."

Haruto's Point Of View:

[Hero~, gyaaaaaahhhhh!]

"Hey, you guys, we didn't come here to do comedy. Is there anything else besides 'gyaaa' and 'aaaahhh'? You've been repeating the same thing over and over again."

[Hero, I have one question. Where did you get that power? The difference in strength before and after entering Sylphiel is too great.]

"I don't really want to say it, but I used doping."

[Doping?]

"In short, there's a way to become strong quickly in a short period of time. I just executed it. Even I wouldn't be happy to become strong in this way. It's all because of the goddess Sphere and the demon. Hey, don't you have a choice to abandon the Evil King and run away? "

[We only pledge loyalty to the Evil King. We won't run away!]

"I look up to your loyalty. But if I go all out, I'll end up destroying the entire island along with the Evil King, so let me do it moderately."

[You... I'll definitely kill you... guuuuhhh...]

"I'm sorry. I'm not underestimating you. It's the truth. Haven't you been hearing things other than the screams of the Evil tribe from

somewhere else? Some are begging for forgiveness, others are treating their comrades as monsters, and their crazy voices cutting them down without mercy... Akane, you make us look like villains hurting the weak. It's really hard to fight like this."

I'm sorry, Haruto-kun, the difference in strength is too great and you're in so much pain. But the Evil tribe who pledged loyalty to the Evil King is evil. Be ruthless and definitely subjugate them.

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The war has been going on for 15 minutes, and we're about to reach the center hole. I wonder who will be the first?

"Yay! I'm first! Takoyaki~!"

"Aah, Saria won! I was so close!"

"Haruto, it's too bad, but the title of 'Doping Hero and his comrades' will be engraved as a statue forever. This is a competition, so give up."

"Aah, damn it, I wasn't supposed to talk to the Evil tribe!"

Everyone gathered in less than five minutes after Saria arrived. The rankings are: 1st place: Saria

2nd place: Haruto

3rd place: Jin

4th place: Mika

5th place: Iris

6th place: Yumi

7th place: Rikka

8th place: Yoshiteru

9th place: Shinya

From 3rd to 9th place, they're almost tied.

"Well, it was a good fight."

"Sasha-sama, can you say those words after seeing the corpses of the Evil tribe?"

"Sorry, I can't say that. The jungle is completely exposed, and there's a hill of dead bodies. Are there no survivors? I never thought this would be the scene."

"Even though they're the Evil tribe, they seem pitiful in a way."

"Tail, what are you saying? In the previous battles against the Evil King, there were mountains of human corpses because the Evil King's side had great power. This time it's the opposite, we had too much power and this is the result. If it becomes a war between countries, it will be full of dead bodies."

"Uh, right. I don't want a war to happen."

That feeling is the same in both Earth and Spheretaria, isn't it?

---- Saria gathered everyone and announced that she was the winner.

"Yay, I can eat takoyaki to my heart's content!"

"Yay, takoyaki!"

"Akane~ please remove the doping~. You have the authority to do so, right~?"

"Mika, this is a competition. Besides, there are people in Spheretalia with dishonorable titles. It's unfair to just let Mika's team go. This was the last chance."

"Aww, Yumi~"

"I'm sorry. It's completely our fault. We're also called Servant No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3. Let's stick together. Let's give up."

--Without a doubt, Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru are to blame.

"Huh? Are you Iris?"

Haruto finally noticed the unmasked Iris.

"I no longer need to disguise myself, so I took it off. This is my true form."

"Oh, I see. You said you were being targeted by the Evil tribe, right?"

"Your current form looks more like a saint and cute than your disguised form."

Mika and Yumi are also staring at Iris as Haruto speaks.

"Yeah, your true form looks more like a saint. Oh, you're cute. But if you're that strong, is there any meaning to disguise yourself?"

Shinya has a valid point. Iris, who is being called cute repeatedly, is blushing.

"I obtained this strength just recently. I haven't had a chance to

remove the disguise until now, so I removed it here. From now on, I will continue my journey in my true form."

That's right. She gained this strength after entering Redenburg. Well, she could have removed it while I was away, but if she suddenly became Saint Iris, people's reactions would definitely change, so I left it as it was.

---- Everyone's mood seems to have calmed down.

The Evil tribe is completely wiped out. Only the Evil King remains!

"Okay, everyone, the picnic mood is over. All that's left is the Evil King. From here on out, Haruto will fight alone."

Huh? It's strangely quiet.

"Everyone, I know it's unlikely, but did you forget about the Evil King?"

Everyone nodded in unison.

You can't forget the final boss!!!

Chapter 145: Defeating the Evil King - Part 2 (The shortest and worst battle in history) The evil tribe has been completely subjugated. Before the battle with the Evil King begins, let's recognize everyone's fought marks.

"Everyone, can you look around?"

Upon my request, everyone looked around.

"What is this situation?! The jungle island is completely naked, and we can see the sea!"

"What is this?! Could it be that we did this?"

"Ehhh, did we do this?"

After Haruto, Yuumi, and Mika raised their voices one after another, Saria and Iris also seemed surprised by their actions.

"Haruto, be careful when you return to Earth. If you do this there, you might be called a demon that destroys the ecosystem and sentenced to death. On the other hand, if you and Mika and Yumi use your magic to revive the ecosystem, you might be praised as angels."

"Akane, can you use magic on Earth?"

"I can use it to some extent. However, since there are no spirits, I have to recover the consumed magic power only with my body. Unlike Spheretalia, be careful because the recovery rate is abnormally slow."

Haruto and the others also seemed to realize the abnormality of their power.

"By the way, if Iris and the others do this kind of natural destruction, they will be punished without question. At that time, they will have to endure the smell of stimulation ver. 3."

"Onee-sama, what is ver. 3? This is the first time I've heard of it."

"Only Ragius knows the contents of ver. 3. If the beastman Finn-nee and others eat it, they will probably die from the smell alone."

"Sasha-sama, wait a minute. What if Rikka and I eat it?"

"You might die. So be sure to avoid any behavior that would require the use of ver. 3."

"EEEEEEEEKKKKKK!"

Jin and Rikka both nodded in agreement.

Suddenly, evil power drifted from the depths of the big hole! The Evil King is finally appearing.

"Akane, the Evil King is coming out!"

"That's right. What is Shinya's [Spirit Concentration] saying?"

"Well, after putting 2 million magic powers into the divine sword, he taught me to extend the sword to the opposite side from here. But, can't we subjugate it with that?"

"Let's give it a try. Who knows, it might work since [Spirit Concentration] is connected to the management system."

《 GOGOGOGOGO 》

The seal is broken. A strong earthquake of about magnitude 6 has occurred.

"What is this!"

"Mika, calm down. It seems that the Evil King is coming out."

"The evil power is amazing. But... is it not that strong?"

"Yuumi is right. It seems to be slightly stronger than last time, but is it about 800,000?"

Hmm, I thought it would be a little higher, but is it only 800,000?

"Anyway, I'm ready. We may not be able to subjugate it, so prepare for battle immediately."

Yes, there is no problem with the handling of the divine sword. By passing magic power to the blade, it can be extended.

The distance it can be extended depends on Haruto's magic power. Since he put in 2 million, he can easily extend it from one end of the big hole to the other.

"[You guys... how dare you... kill all my subordinates...]"

《 BAAANNNN 》

《 GOOOOOO 》

The seal has been broken.

From the depths of the big hole, a low voice filled with hatred could be heard along with a heavy bass that resonated in the stomach. And... I feel the presence of something climbing up to the surface.

"Haruto!"

"Yes, it's okay!"

[Because the report from my subordinates was interrupted, I don't know what you guys were doing, but I have accumulated power for hundreds of years. Now, I will eat the hero here!]

The Evil King is coming up to the surface!

【 Come on, hero~~, I will make a blood sacrifice out of youuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu! 】

Wow! As soon as the Evil King appeared on the ground, he was superbly bisected by the blade of the divine sword. This time, the Evil King's appearance is that of a slender dragon. About 30-40 meters in length, I guess? The blade of the divine sword completely blocks magic, so I don't feel any magic, and even the Evil King's eyes didn't think there was anything there even though the tip of the divine sword was only a few millimeters.

《 Zuuuuuuuuuuun 》

Ah, the Evil King's body was vertically bisected and died.

"-----Huh,-----hey, are you kidding me! Evil King, I'll fight you as you said! So heal yourself and fight me!"

Shhhhh

Haruto-kun, he looks dead.

"Hey hey, I just extended the divine sword. It's impossible to die just from that, right? You're the king of the Evil tribe, so hurry up and revive and fight me! Please don't end the final battle in such a foolish way. Please revive!"

Haruto-kun is talking endlessly to the Evil King's corpse. Everyone is looking at Haruto-kun with pity.

"Hey Yumi, Haruto looks pitiful."

"I understand how Mika feels. The Evil King rushed into the extended divine sword and died instantly. I've never seen such a stupid boss before. The time it took to defeat it after appearing on the ground was only one second."

Yeah, I really think so.

The divine sword was too excellent, and he didn't even notice its existence.

Oh, Yoshiteru-kun went to comfort Haruto-kun.

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"Haruto, give up. The Evil King has already-----died."

"That's a lieeeeeeeeeee! Is this really the end!? All I did was extend the divine sword with two million magic! Anyone can do this!"

"Well, no, only Haruto has more than two million magic, and it was your mental focus that led to an early resolution."

"It's too early. The Evil King appeared on the ground only one second ago! he haven't even introduced himself as the Evil King yet. What a----what a pathetic end."

Oh, the Evil King's body is shining. This is a sign of self-destruction.

"-----Oh, the Evil King, are you serious!?"

"Haruto-kun, the Evil King's 'self-destruct system' is about to activate. When the Evil King chooses to die on his own or is killed by the hero, a massive explosion that will turn the surroundings into scorched earth will occur, including the hero.

It's a new skill that developed when sealing him. Everyone, come to my side. Let's evacuate outside the distortion field that covers the island. Although everyone is under the 'distortion field,' there is still a possibility, so let's be cautious."

"---Ah, I see. The Evil King really died.-----This was the worst battle ever. I can't tell everyone in the Thermia Kingdom."

It's hard to say. Even if I say "I defeated the final boss just by extending my sword!" no one will believe me. Now, let's teleport.

-----Teleported to the edge of the island. I can see that the light is getting stronger where the Evil King is. After the Evil King started shining, all the dead Evil tribe members also started shining. It's probably going to be a chain reaction explosion. But, sorry. I knew the Evil King's trump card from the management system. The only things that were uncertain were what form he would appear in and how strong he would be. Regarding this self-destruction, everything was within expectations.

Now, I'll watch his final moments from the front row.

"Sasha, there's no magic barrier near the Evil King's location, right?"

"Yeah, that's intentional. We left it open to release a massive explosion of energy into the sky. The column of light that will be generated will be a sign that we've defeated the Evil King."

"That's ridiculous. You're even planning to use the Evil King's own obsession of 'taking the hero down with him'?"

"Of course. I judged that it could be useful. Even if the column of light is generated, there may be some countries that won't be able to see it, so I plan to inform Sae-san and the others later."

Now, let's start the big explosion.

After the Evil King's body shone brightly to its limit, a loud roar echoed.

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As expected, we absorbed some of the explosion's energy before directing everything towards the sky to generate the column of light.

When the light subsided and we looked at the island, there was no change in the scenery from before the explosion. Good, just as I expected!

"Hey, for a big explosion, there doesn't seem to be any damage!"

"Akane, you did something!"

"Yes, I set a Distortion Field around the Evil King and the Evil tribe, which absorbed about half of the energy and shock waves generated by the massive explosion and directed the rest upwards. Everything was within my expectations."

"Poor Evil King. He was just being played with in Akane's hands."

"Yumi's right. I didn't expect him to charge towards the sword extended by the hero and be cut down in one strike. Well, everything's over now! Great job, everyone!"

Everyone had a complicated expression on their faces.

"Akane, this feels like a comedy manga. As the hero, I don't feel any sense of accomplishment."

"Haruto-sama, don't think too deeply. With Sasha-sama involved, all of our values crumble. Even Sae-san and Tsutomu-san are trying to maintain normalcy with just the words 'it's Sasha'."

"Tail's right. I'm starting to feel that way, too. Akane's strength is abnormal. Normally, you would fight the Evil King and win after a fierce battle. But that... that result. All I did as the hero was extend my sword over a hole."

Everyone chuckled. Maybe they couldn't keep up with this development.

"Since it's all over, isn't it okay as it is? This is supposed to be a scene where we defeat the final boss and feel moved, right?"

"Akane, do you think there's a scene in this battle's ending that we should feel moved by? Except for Haruto, all of us just competed to get to the hole. The Evil King met his end in that state."

-----Mika's right, it's impossible to be moved by this development. I don't feel any sense of accomplishment either.

"There may be a big problem with the way it ended, but everything's resolved now, isn't it? Let's take care of the Evil tribe and head back to the royal capital where Sae and Tsutomu are! Sasha, you're going to regenerate the entire island, right?"

Let's do it quickly and go home."

Saria summed it up for us.

"Yes, of course. It's better to recover little by little than suddenly, so as not to burden the trees."

We finally defeated the Evil King we've been longing for.

On our way to the defeat, Haruto-kun and the others departed from the Thermia Kingdom's capital and won against the Evil tribe in the large forest. After that, they unknowingly fought and defeated the demons by eating too many Toifelberries in a village in the Sylphiel Kingdom. After arriving at the Sylphiel Kingdom's capital, they doping themselves and slaughtered the Evil King and the Evil tribe to their heart's content. The Evil King was defeated the moment he emerged on the surface. We successfully defeated him in about 25 minutes from the moment we landed on the island, making it the fastest time ever in history.

Come to think of it, they spent more time doping than actually fighting the Evil King. I won't say anything about that.

There were criticisms regarding the method of defeating the Evil King, but I never thought he would die like that. We put the bodies of the Evil tribe in the item box and cast a recovery spell on the entire island before teleporting to the High Elf Palace in the Sylphiel Kingdom.

Chapter 146: Signing of the Anti-Doping Convention

When we returned to the High Elf Palace, aside from Sae-san and Tsutomu-san, there were also the King, Queen, Burn-san, and Riffia-san. Sae-san seems to be talking about something.

"It seems that Sasha and the others have returned. As you can see from the footage, the two goddesses desire world peace.

However, if there are those who oppose them even slightly, the goddesses and their protectors will transform into killers, and we have learned that there is a high possibility that the same result will occur in our own country. You must not go against them under any circumstances. We showed you this communication even though we were prepared to die ourselves. Well then, the treaty has been signed, so we will continue tomorrow."

I just heard some disturbing words. I knew that Sae-san and the others were observing the Demon King's subjugation from the air, but I have a bad feeling about this.

"Hey, Sae-san, did you just call us killers?"

"-----"

Sae-san remained silent and looked at Tsutomu-san. It seems that Tsutomu-san will explain. If you want to convince Saria, it might be better if Tsutomu-san does it.

"Saria, you know that Sasha and I were observing the Demon King's subjugation from the air using insects, right?"

"Of course!"

"The kings of all countries were also watching the subjugation battle."

Oh no, I knew there were insects, but if all the kings of the countries were watching, I can understand why we were called killers.

"So what?"

"The Demon King and his army of about 10,000, all of the Evil Tribe with A-class power or higher, were all eliminated in just 25 minutes. So you understand the meaning of the term 'killers,' right?"

"But why are we called killers? We didn't just kill all of the Evil Tribe!"

Let me say something here.

"Well, it's not surprising that we're called killers, right?"

"Huh!? Why, Sasha!"

"I saw from the air that the method of subjugating the Evil Tribe was too cruel. Mika, Yumemi, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun pushed forward while annihilating the Evil Tribe to remove their dishonorable title. At that time, they were slashing at the Evil Tribe who were begging for forgiveness, running away, or going insane without changing their expression and with a crazed smile on their faces."

"What!?!"

"Akane, did I have that expression?"

"Yes, you said, 'Take off No. 3. If anyone gets in the way, I'll cut them down with my magic.'"

Yumi tilts her head. She was too desperate and doesn't remember.

"Mika was shouting, 'Get out of my way! It's Mika-sama's turn!' as she

was slashing them. Shinya-kun and Yoshiteru-kun were saying similar things."

"Ugh! I definitely said that, but I didn't do anything that cruel, did I?"

She remembers what she said, but she doesn't remember the words of the Evil Tribe. Shinya-kun and Yoshiteru-kun were probably the same.

"Haruto still had his sanity. However, after confirming that the loyalty of the Evil Tribe was higher than expected, he said,

'If I use all my power, the island will be destroyed along with the Evil King, so let's fight with moderate force.' When they attacked in unison, Haruto cut dozens of them in half with a single swing. He then mercilessly killed the Evil Tribe around him who were paralyzed with fear."

"Really? I did that, but it couldn't be helped! If I hesitated, it would have been bad!"

Hmm, I guess everyone looked like killers as they mercilessly killed the Evil Tribe while laughing.

"Saria was even worse. Even though the Evil Tribe understood Saria's power and completely lost their will to fight, Saria didn't finish them off with one blow and made them suffer."

"Ugh!"

"Have you understood it now? The kings of all countries saw us as killers through the insects. The climax was when Haruto lazily extended his holy sword and the Evil King charged in and was cut in half. Through the lens, it looked like he said, 'I'm bored of killing, so let's kill him casually.'"

"Huh!? Why!? I extended my holy sword half-heartedly because I was half-skeptical! I wouldn't be lazy facing the final boss, would I?"

Through the lens, it might have looked that way.

"After the defeat of the Demon King, it was revealed that it would never appear again, and the kings were delighted.

However, they unanimously made a decision: to combat the demons, which were considered even more frightening than the Evil Tribe, that had been summoned and threatened to destroy the entire Spheretalia. They resorted to doping, which would temporarily make them stronger. However, as a result of excessive doping and challenging the Evil Tribe army led by the Demon King, the slaughterers capable of easily slaughtering even the Evil King were born. The kings were deeply afraid upon seeing them. While Haruto and his friends were to return to Earth, Sasha's guardians were all doping. They understood that if they offended them, their country would surely be destroyed. There were also items in dungeons that could increase various abilities by 1-5 points, albeit not as much as those in Toifelberry. If they continued to allow doping through the use of these items, there was a potential for the birth of the second and third slaughterers. Therefore, the

"Doping Prohibition Treaty" was concluded worldwide to prohibit doping. The kings were grateful for the defeat of the Demon King and the danger of doping."

"Do Tsutomu-san and Sae-san know the reason why we took that action? Did you use it to your advantage by seeing the kings' reaction?"

"Well, that's right. We didn't know what kind of side effects doping with items would have on people's minds, so we deliberately used it. The kings completely believed us, their faces pale with fear."

"We five were not only doping, but we were also given the title of slaughterers."

Despite defeating the Demon King, Haruto and his friends felt depressed. Nobody would be happy to receive the title of slaughterer due to doping. Doping was now prohibited in this world as well as on Earth. Anyone who saw that slaughter through a lens would think the same way. What would happen to Sasha's guardians from now on?

"Tsutomu, Leon is the king and protector, what did you say?"

"Oh, he understood our intentions immediately and went along with us. He's not yet exposed as one of Sasha's guardians, so don't worry. Currently, only Iris, Jin, and Rikka are known to be Sasha's guardians worldwide. But Sasha will have to apologize to various countries, so I think it will be discovered eventually."

Well, of course. It's better not to hide it unnecessarily.

"Other than Leon, the ones who might have trouble being my recipients are Burn-san and Will-san. Keith and Ariel won't have as much trouble. But then again, there may be people who will try to bring guardians into their own countries."

Burn-san and Riffia-san beside them looked complicated. Those two were famous adventurers, so life might become difficult for them.

"Don't worry, I told them in the communication earlier to refrain from doing such things. As you heard, an implicit rule has been established in all countries: 'Never offend the goddess's guardians.' They have become objects of reverence after the battle with the Evil King."

"Have you been told anything at this point, Burn-san, Riffia-san?"

"I am a member of the Thermia Kingdom, so I will return and have an audience with the king. There should be no problem. I will continue to adventure as before. Only the upper echelons of each country know that I'm a guardian, so it should be fine."

"Hehehe, I'm fine too. I'll use the rule 'Never offend the guardians' to my advantage. I want to live freely without being tied down by anyone. So I'll keep adventuring with Burn as before. I want to live freely, you know! Probably, Will and Roy think the same way."

"I see, you've already decided on your future direction."

"Burn and Riffia should not be a problem. And one more thing, after watching the battle against the Evil King and discussing with everyone, we have unanimously decided on the nicknames for Sasha and Saria."

"Nicknames!?"

"That's right. The king has strictly forbidden us from telling you, but it'll be exposed eventually, I'll reveal it here. Please don't get angry and listen. Sasha is known as the 'Goddess of Destruction and Creation,' and Saria is the 'Goddess of Slaughter and Peace.'"

"I see, 'Destruction and Creation,' that's fitting. I'm not angry about it."

"I'm definitely angry! Why is it 'Slaughter and Peace'? They're complete opposites!"

"For Saria, you repeatedly slaughtered members of the Evil tribe. But didn't you also worry about your comrades like Yuumi and Shinya? you kept an eye on them to make sure they were safe, which made you late to the battle."

"Well, of course I'd worry about my comrades!"

"The kings probably found it amusing. They saw her as a goddess of peace for those who were accepted as comrades, and a goddess of slaughter with no mercy for those who hated her."

"I...I don't know if I should be angry or not."

Heh, well.

Anyway, even though Haruto and his friends received an unpleasant title, doping is now prohibited, and the king has recognized Saria and

me as new goddesses of Spheretalia. Everything has been settled. All that's left is to send Haruto and his friends back to Earth.

Looking at Haruto, he suddenly has a serious expression on his face, as if he's thinking deeply about something.

"Akane, there's something I want to say now that we have the chance."

"Huh, is it about what you want to say before?"

"Oh, that's right. There are no other classmates here right now. If I'm going to say it, I have to do it now."

"Hey, Haruto, why don't you say it when you're alone?"

Alone!?

Wait, this isn't a confession, is it? I suddenly remember Mika's words from before we were transported.

[Akane, you should definitely switch from glasses to contact lenses. Then, he'll be even more aware of you than he already is!]

[Who are you talking about?]

[Of course, it's Sa-----]

[What was Mika trying to say just now? Leave that to the people involved.]

I couldn't hear the end because Yumi covered Mika's mouth, but was she going to say 'Sakuragi-kun'?

I understand the feelings I have for Sakuragi-kun, which have been hidden until now. Because we were separated from each other, I finally realized that this feeling is a romantic one, 'love.' I've been

hiding it until now, but it's finally come out. I was planning to tell him through my clone after they returned to Earth.

Uh oh, my heart is pounding. What does Sakuragi-kun think of me?

"No, I want the other members here to hear it too. I don't mind messing up in front of our classmates like I did before. I know the atmosphere is important, but when we return to Thermia, we might not have many chances to talk at parties and such. Besides, there are other things I want to say too."

What? Since he's saying it here, it's not a confession, right? What's this feeling that's making me feel down?

Sakuragi-kun has a serious expression on his face.

If it's not a confession, then what does he plan to say?

Chapter 147: Hero, Haruto Sakuragi's Decision

What does Sakuragi-kun intend to say? His expression has changed from a troubled look to a determined one.

"Akane, just to confirm, where do you plan to create your clone body?"

"I'll create it in a forest a little away from the capital of the Thermia Kingdom. I don't plan to meet with everyone in the class myself."

"I see. In that case, it's better to say it here. Akane, would you make me a god?"

Everyone: "What!?!"

"Wait Haruto, do you know what you're saying?"

"That's right. Becoming a god means you can't return to Earth!"

As Mika and Yoshiteru said, what is he thinking?

"Of course, I understand that. But you know, when Akane disappeared and I revealed my feelings to the whole class, my feelings for you gradually became stronger. I realized that I don't want a clone of you, I want to be with the real Akane!"

"What!?"

What? He wants to be with me!?

"Well, if that's the case, just say it now, Haruto!"

"Huh? I intend to. Akane!"

"Y-Yes!?"

M-My heart is pounding!?

"I love you! Will you go out with me?"

Confession---!!! Huh! I have to answer properly---look into Haruto's eyes and say it seriously.

"Haruto-kun, after being separated from you, I finally understood my feelings. A-A-And, I, too, like you."

I said it, I confessed while my eyes were swimming.

"Ah, finally, Akane understands too! Now you two are lovers!"

"Finally---yes."

Haruto-kun and I are---I-lovers!

"Oh, I'm so glad. I was wondering what I'd do if you rejected me."

"There's no way I'd reject you! Do you know what kind of feelings I had for you all this time? I knew we both had feelings for each other, so I tried to bring it up in conversation so that we could both notice it indirectly!"

"That's right. Mika and I had a hard time trying to make you both aware of each other's feelings."

"Oh, really?"

I suggested things like "Why don't you switch to contact lenses?" but I guess it was to make Haruto more aware of me.

"Akane, let's get along from now on!"

"Ah, y-yes!"

Hmm, even I feel awkward.

"Wow, this is the first time I've seen a confession up close. Has no one ever confessed to you, Saria-sama?"

"Well, I can't be confessed to since I can't come down to Earth in the first place. But I've never seen Sasha panic like that before."

"It seems like Onee-sama and Haruto-san are a good match."

"I think it's good that Sasha-sama's lover is the hero. What do you think, Jin?"

"I also think Haruto can be trusted."

Oh, if we're going to make Haruto a god, we'll need to make the clone too.

"Haruto-kun, are you sure it's okay to become a god? If I create a clone skill, you can understand what's going on on Earth through the clone, but you won't be able to interact with it directly."

" Oh, I know that too. As for the Earth side, we can leave it to the clone. I want to be with the original Akane."

"-----That-----Thank you."

When he says it so clearly, I get really embarrassed.

"When I see Sasha and Haruto, it reminds me of the past."

"Yeah, me too. I proposed to Sae back then."

A proposal, huh... I hope someone will say that to me someday.

When considering turning Haruto into a god, I wondered how to change his stats. My average stat is about 1 billion.

Haruto is also my protector. In that case, regarding stats, I can freely set it up to 1/10 of mine. Since he's becoming a god anyway, I'll set it to the maximum of 100 million."

"Well then, let's set the status to 100 million and make you a god."

Everyone: "100 million!!!"

"Akane, is it necessary to set it to 100 million?"

"Yumi, my current average status is 1 billion. I can freely play with my guardian's status, but the limit is 1/10 of my strength. So I was thinking of setting it at the limit of 100 million?"

"Sasha, you have 1 billion! Your status has increased several times since we first met in the management world!"

Looking around, everyone is taken aback.

"Well, it can't be helped. Because I stole all of Demogorgon's status values, titles, and skills, every value increases considerably with each level up. I received all the experience points from defeating the Evil King, which caused my level to increase significantly and eventually reach 1 billion."

"That's an amazing number. When we crossed between worlds in the Spheretalia, we used the single-person inter-world ship in the management world, but now you can freely move between different worlds even in your physical body, can't you?"

"I probably can. When we sent Mika and the others back to Earth, by analyzing the summoning magic circle of the Thermia Kingdom through the management system, I can also remember the coordinates of Earth, so it's possible to transfer between different worlds. I can also take Saria, Tail, Sae, and Tsutomu to Earth."

"Really!!!"

All four of them are genuinely surprised.

"Sasha, can we go back too?"

"Yes, you can go back. However, you won't be cured of your godhood."

"No, that's enough. Tsutomu and I were summoned in 1990, but what year is it now?"

"It's 2016. We were summoned to Spheretalia on May 16th, so it's probably the end of July now."

When they hear that it's 2016, both Sae and Tsutomu widen their eyes.

"2016!"

"Only 26 years have passed since then. That means there's still time. I want to tell our parents properly."

"Sasha, can you take us to Earth when you have the time?"

"Of course, I don't mind. However, it will have to wait until the apology tour to each country is over, is that okay?"

"Ah, that's fine."

"Sasha, thank you."

I'm glad they're pleased.

"Sasha, I'll come with you then. I want to enjoy Earth's food."

"Sasha-sama, I want to go too!"

"Onee-sama, I want to go too!"

"Sasha-sama, we, your followers, will naturally follow you."

I have to give permission for this.

"Except for Iris, you're all welcome."

"Whyyyyyy-----"

"Yayyyyyy!"

Iris has a face like she's been thrown into the depths of hell. I'll have to follow up with her.

"In Iris's case, I'll take her with me if I get permission from Eleanor-sama."

"Really! I'll definitely persuade her to give permission."

Her expression brightens up immediately.

"Haruto, we've gotten off topic. We're going to perform godification at 100 million, okay?"

"I'm fine with that."

Finally, it's time for godhood. With this, I can walk together with Haruto in the same time. I've gained the power to influence people's lives. I'm reminded of the enormity of my power. From now on, I'll act with even greater responsibility.

Alright, that's the end.

"Haruto-kun, it's over. How's your body feeling?"

"I can sense an unusual increase in my strength. I need to be careful during battles, or else I'll be in trouble if I make a mistake in my strength."

"When you calm down, you should train in the other world where Demogorgon was sealed. There won't be any problem there."

"I see."

"Hmm, it's already over? You don't look any different."

"I thought it would transform you into a more muscular person"

Mika, Yumi, it's the soul that changes, nothing happens to the body.

"Now that the godification is complete, next is the clone. Let me stay here tonight, and tomorrow morning when we transfer to the entrance of the Thermia Kingdom capital, I'll create the clone body. Let's say goodbye there to our original selves. After the transfer, Mika and the others will head to the royal castle with the clones."

"Ugh, I don't feel like we're saying goodbye at all. The clone bodies are still connected to the original bodies, so it's still Akane and Haruto, right?"

"Of course. Since Haruto-kun and I are also share a connection, it's not a complete farewell."

"It feels strange. Yoshiteru, normally this would be the scene where we cry at our last goodbye, right?"

"Yeah, that's what I thought, but it's a subtle feeling. I can't think of the right words to say when we part tomorrow."

Well, I understand that feeling. If it were the other way around, I would be confused too.

"Everyone, let's leave the goodbyes for tomorrow. Except for Sasha and Saria, please take a rest. We will notify the entire Sylphiel Kingdom. It should turn into a festive atmosphere after that. Let's participate in the festival and enjoy the last night of Spheretaria. Sasha and Saria, please eliminate the Evil King System first. As soon as that is done, please communicate with the top leaders of each country and the Spirit Kings of each attribute. Please apologize properly to them for this unauthorized action and inform them that we will visit

in the future."

Ah, apologies are definitely necessary. We didn't consult with any of the leaders of each country or meet with any of the Elemental Spirit Kings, and we even created a more powerful Divine Sword.

Regarding the Evil King system, it can be removed immediately.

However,-----

"From what I've seen with the Evil King System, the Evil Tribe can also be born from negative human emotions, but they can also increase their numbers by mating with each other. So we'll only eliminate the Evil King and the S-class Evil Tribe that directly under him. Currently, Spheretalia relies on some of the Evil Tribe as a source of food. If we eliminate them all, it will greatly disrupt the balance between nations and lead to a food crisis."

"-----That's certainly true. Sasha, please proceed with the elimination."

"Understood."

Time is of the essence, so Saria and I returned to the management world and completely eradicated only the Evil King and the S-class under his direct control. After consulting with Saria on how to improve the Evil King system in the future, we returned to the Sylphiel capital. When we informed everyone that we had completely eradicated the Evil King, the king, queen, and Mika were all very happy. This means that Mika's mission is now completely over.

After that, the king of Dizayig announced to the entire Sylphiel Kingdom, "Hero Haruto has defeated the Evil King.

Afterwards, the newly arrived goddesses Sasha-sama and Saria completely eradicated the Evil King, so it will never revive again. However, since some of the Evil Tribe are also our source of food, we have not eliminated them, but please be careful of their actions in the future." The whole capital shook with cheers after that announcement. The goal of the Evil tribe is to pour human souls into the Evil King,

but the Evil King has been completely eradicated. This means that all citizens understand that the power of the Evil tribe will greatly decrease in the future, leading to a great cheer.

After the king's announcement, a festival was held in the capital. The hero party, Saint Iris, and the two attendants of the goddess made it even more exciting.

However, only Saria and I were unable to participate in the festival. We communicated with the top officials of each country, the Elemental Kings of each element, and showed them footage to explain how I came to be a goddess and the situation Saria was facing with the Demogorgon Sphere and devil summoning. Then, we apologized to everyone. At this

time, I convinced Saria that the only way to sincerely apologize was to do a "kowitz apology", so we did. Everyone was flustered and panicked.

The King of Remnant said, "As a goddess, please stop bowing! We have also heard about the circumstances of the goddesses from Sae-sama and Tsutomu-sama. Even if you had asked for our cooperation this time, we wouldn't have been able to help at all. Sasha-sama's choice was the best. So please lift up your head."

Everyone was overly considerate. Even the other people besides the King of Remnant said similar things. After the meeting, I asked the king of Thermia Kingdom, who had performed the summoning from another world, to stay behind while I told my classmates to return to the capital. It seems that it will take a few days for everyone to return, so I said I would fill the summoning magic circle with magic power during that time, which made the king happy.

By the way, the Elemental Kings were not angry, but rather happy. When I asked why, it seems that there was a problem with the Sphere itself. In the previous battle against the Evil King, even in emergencies, it had done nothing and left most of the handling to the Elemental Kings, which caused them to label it as a "useless goddess." This time, new goddesses, Saria and I, descended and resolved everything without relying on the Elemental Kings. As a result, the Elemental Kings said, "We pledge allegiance to goddesses Sasha-sama

and Saria-sama, not the useless goddess Sphere."

Sphere had been abandoned by Spheretalia. I wonder where is she and what she's doing now? If I have time, I'll try to find it.

Anyway, the apology is over for now. Well, it's not enough to just communicate, so let's go around to all the countries and apologize properly.

I used some tricks to clear it as quickly as possible, but now I just need to send my classmates back to Earth and take a break. Well then, shall I also join in the festivities?

Chapter 148: Final chapter: Our next destination is Japan!

We are in a forest located a little away from the entrance of the Thermia Kingdom's capital city. Saria, Tail, Haruto, Mika, Yumi, Shinya-kun, and Yoshiteru-kun are with me. Iris and the others are staying behind in the Sylphiel capital.

Haruto and I created clones of ourselves and showed them to everyone.

"Since they are clones, they look exactly like the two of us."

"Yoshiteru-kun, don't stare too much just because my clone isn't working."

"Oops, Yumi is right."

Yes, the appearance is not a problem at all.

"Well then, let's add some data and activate them now. Haruto, are you okay with the process?"

"Yeah, I was taught last night, so there's no problem."

"Oh, great! Show us what you got. Akane calls Haruto by his first name, so they're like a newlywed couple, not just lovers."

"W-what are you talking about? Anyway, let's get started!"

We set the clone's status to one million and filled them with magic. There used to be a value for luck, but it didn't mean much, so we removed it.

"Okay, I'm done."

"I'm done too."

Now, I wonder if they will move properly?

The clones of Haruto and me opened their eyes and moved their arms and legs.

"Okay, no problem. The main body is fine, and the status is also one million."

"No problem here either. The conversation between the clones and the main body feels strange."

"That's true. It feels very odd."

Hmm, we're thinking the same thing.

"Okay, we're good now. Clones, take care of Earth. With that much status, you can do anything."

[We'll not go overboard. If we mess up on Earth, we'll attract the attention of the whole world. Well, we can easily dodge bullets though.]

"Hey, you're already causing enough trouble with just that."

[Hahaha, that's true!]

What's going on? We're in perfect harmony. Of course, we are the same person.

"I hope my clone doesn't mess up. Please don't get too absorbed in cooking like in Spheretalia, would you?"

"[I make it on Earth regularly, so it's not a problem. It's been about two months since then, so my parents are probably worried. We need to reassure them as soon as possible.]

Yes, we're thinking the same thing.

"Mika, Haruto and Akane are having a conversation. It's a strange scene, isn't it? After all, the real Haruto and Akane will say goodbye here, right?"

"Yeah, that's right, but it feels strange. Akane, Haruto."

[What's up?] [What is it?]

"Wow!"

"They both answered at the exact same time!"

"Shinya, that's obvious. We're one entity."

We're saying goodbye, but it doesn't feel like it.

"Oh well, forget it! If the clones are connected to the main body, it's not a farewell. We will hear about the main body's Akane and Haruto from the clones, so you guys do your best!"

"Yes, leave the Spheretalia matters to us. Be careful, as Mika and the others will also be in the spotlight when they return to Earth."

"That's right. Except for the teacher, everyone in the class went missing, and the police may still be investigating. It's definitely going to be a big fuss when we suddenly return to the classroom without any warning."

That's true. Well, it will be tough for a few weeks. We'll keep an eye on things from Spheretalia.

"That's the point. How do we explain it? No one will believe us if we say we went to another world. Should we just say that we lost our memory while we were missing?"

"That's probably the safest bet. If we reveal magic, the situation will become even more ridiculous."

Well, that's the safest option. If we make magic public, it will lead to an absurd situation.

[It's kind of safe, but not interesting. Anyway, after telling the police, when the fuss dies down, how about the six of us make a TV show called '??? Rangers' and give divine punishment to those who disturb the peace? Wouldn't it be interesting if the name was something like 'Drug Squad Doping Rangers'?]

"Hahaha, that sounds interesting. Well, I've become a doping hero in this world, so even if I'm called a doper on Earth, it's not a problem, right?"

--Haruto's clone and original are talking passionately.

""""""""There's definitely a problem with that!!""""""""

"Haruto, form a Doping Ranger on Earth and save many people. If all the children start doping, we'll be labeled as bad guys!"

[Hahaha, sorry Yoshiteru, I was joking]

Don't really do it. It's sphiataria, so it doesn't matter if they call you dope.

"Mika, Yumi, Shinya, and Yoshiteru, let's say goodbye here. As we discussed yesterday, let's keep it a secret from our classmates that the goddess Sasha and Shimizu Akane are the same person."

That's right, last night, we talked about how to rescue me and defeat the Evil King. It was quite difficult to make the story fit together. We set it up as follows: "Although we couldn't find a cure to turn the Evil Tribe back into humans, I met the newly arrived goddess Sasha and she teleported me to Haruto and the others, instantly turning me back into a human."

After that, we said that under the guidance of the goddess Sasha, we became stronger with doping and defeated the Evil

King with a single blow. The latter part is not a lie. We can't lie once Doping Heroes and Doping Saints become widespread.

"Yes, I understand. I'll tell everyone as we discussed yesterday. ----It's a strange feeling, but ---- Bye-bye then."

"This is goodbye to the real Akane. Please get along well with Haruto. Perhaps because there is a clone, I can't shed tears.

But I will say this much: farewell."

It seems that Shinya-kun and Yoshiteru-kun are also saying goodbye to Haruto's original self. None of the four are crying.

It's not really a true farewell.

"Mika, find a good partner over there. Yumi has Shinya-kun, so she's okay."

Yesterday, Yumi confessed to Shinya-kun that they are officially dating. Yumi and Shinya-kun make a good couple.

"I know. I'll find a good man!"

[My original self, watch our lives on Earth!]

"Oh, I'll definitely keep an eye on you!"

"Clone, please keep an eye on everyone so that they don't mess up."

[Yes, we messed up here, but Haruto and the others might mess up on Earth, so I'll keep a close eye on them.]

And so, the members, including the clone, returned to the capital of the Thermia Kingdom.

"That was a strange way to say goodbye."

"Don't we usually cry and hug each other at times like this?"

"Tail, Saria, it can't be helped, right? Even if we part here, our clone is right beside them. We can still share information if we want to. This isn't really a farewell. And besides, I can also be teleport to Earth."

"Akane has truly become a godlike existence."

"If we measure strength, Saria-sama is a mid-level god, Haruto-sama is a high-level god, and Sasha-sama is a creator god, right?"

"Hey, Tail, why am I only a mid-level god?"

"Eh, because Saria-sama has only leveled up to around 30 million, right? Haruto-sama is 100 million, and Sasha-sama is 1

billion, right?"

"--- Once again, when it's presented in numbers, it's hard to deny. I'll become even stronger and at least match Haruto's strength!"

Hmm, if we ranked the gods, that might actually be the case.

"Let's contact the king of Thermia Kingdom tonight and go meet only him. We need to fill the magic circle with mana as an apology."

"I don't want to kneel anymore!"

"Of course, we won't do that."

As a god, kneeling all the time would undermine our dignity.

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Two days later, we were in the audience room of the High Elf Palace in Sylphiel Kingdom. The members here were Sae-san, Tsutomu-san, myself, Iris, Jin, Rikka, Saria, and Tail. Currently, via the Security Bird, the ceremony to send our classmates back to Earth was being held in the underground of the Thermia Kingdom Castle.

"Hey, the wizards are chanting, but isn't it pointless? Sasha filled the magic with mana two nights ago, so they can send them back quickly, right?"

"Saria-sama, there is a proper order to things. It would ruin the mood to suddenly send them back without any farewell.

It's more like a ceremony. By doing that, both sides will think 'once this chant is over, they'll be sent back.' After that, it's the pattern where the princess confesses to Haruto and gets rejected."

"Hmm, a ceremony. It sounds troublesome."

Tail has a rich imagination.

"Tail, the princess was rejected by Haruto last night."

"What, she confessed! Ahhh, I wanted to see that scene!"

--- We can return to Earth now. This period felt like it passed by in a flash. When my clones reunited with everyone, I thought the Kaneko Group might say something, but I was surprised they actually apologized for their actions.

Apparently, they almost died once in a Class B dungeon. The Evil Tribe peeked into the Kaneko Group's memory and used an illusionary attack. They gave the Kaneko Group illusions of me and the fake me vented their frustration on them.

At the brink of defeat, adventurers came to their rescue. At that time, due to being mentally cornered, they revealed everything they had done to me to those adventurers. By exposing everything they had held back, they were able to recover.

Even so, what the Kaneko Group did to me was nothing significant besides the mock battle, but did the attack from the Evil Tribe make their memories hazy? Naturally, my clones thought the same thing and forgave them, becoming friends again.

Now, it's finally time to send them back.

"Some of them are crying."

"They must have met many different people."

"If Sasha were to show up now, it would ruin the mood."

"Saria, there's no way she would do that!"

Ah, everyone is disappearing. It's all over now.

"They're gone."

"Yes, they've returned to Earth."

The management system is functioning properly, so they should have returned safely.

"Now we need to switch gears. We'll go on a tour to apologize to each country and spread Earth's cuisine. We could only make basic dishes before, but now we can transport them to Earth. We can make a variety of ramen and dishes."

"Wow, really, Onee-sama!"

"Sasha-sama, were the dishes we had before just the basics?"

"That ramen was basic! What kind of dishes does Earth have!"

Oh no, Iris, Rikka, and Saria have a greedy look in their eyes.

"Yes, after our apology tour is over, I'll take Sae-san and Tsutomu-san with me to Earth and treat them to authentic ramen!"

"Sasha, definitely! Let's go on the apology tour quickly and then go to Earth!"

"We've already apologized by kneeling, so let's go and finish it quickly. Tsutomu and I are looking forward to it too."

"Yes, let's teleport to each king's castle entrance and finish it quickly so we can go to Earth!"

"Hey hey, it's still an apology, so everyone should hold back their excited faces. Honestly, you don't seem to care at all."

Haruto was right. Everyone was only thinking about Earth's cuisine. They had completely forgotten about their classmates' return ceremony. Well, as for me, I want to go to Earth quickly, so we have to finish the apology tour first.

I encountered the evil god because Saria hated me, but I ended up eating the evil god and saving the other world. Well, thanks to Saria, I was able to understand Haruto's feelings, so I have nothing but gratitude now. It was really a dense two months.

"Now, our next destination is Japan on Earth, so let's start the apology tour right away!!!"

"OOOOOOOOOOOOOOHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

Now, the apology tour begins!

Initial status of Akane Shimizu:

Level 1

Attack 77

Defense 60

Agility 76

Luck 0

Magic 100

Status in the final chapter:

Level 85

Attack 1,045,767,342

Defense 1,032,982,345

Agility 1,067,908,712

Magic 1,009,214,194

I'll omit the skills and magic because there are too many.